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Dominion News Notes

Mr. Haultain Is Yet Hopeful of Ultimate Success In Saskatchewan.

Contraband Chinese Shipped Via Suez Canal to Eastern Canadian Points.

Final Crop Reports Confirm Previous Estimate of Harvest.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—A private telegram from Mr. Haultain says the result in Saskatchewan is still in doubt and that he is very hopeful.

It now transpires that a large number of Chinese have been entering the United States from the Canadian side at eastern points. For some time coolies have been shipped from Hongkong, Canton and other ports via the Suez canal, entering Canada in bond and then slipping across the line at points not watched by the United States officials.

There is considerable comment over the changed attitude of the Great Northern since last session, when the company's charter was protested because it proposed to zigzag the route of the V., V. & E. in the Boundary country. Now the boot is on the other leg and the V., V. & E. is fighting the Coast-Kootenay railway, which has its location plans ready. The Hill road has no plans, but Hon. Mr. Emerson has given them until the 23rd to make good, when, if they fail to show their exact route the Coast-Kootenay route will be approved.

The writ for Compton was issued today and nominations take place on the 28th. It looks as if the government is endeavoring to get a snap election in this case, as the adjoining riding of Sherbrook is also vacant, but the writ has not been issued.

Northwest Crop Report

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The final crop bulletin for the year was issued by the provincial department of agriculture this morning and statistics contained therein practically confirm previous estimates given for the province of Manitoba and show the excellent average of 21.07 bushels per acre for wheat. The figures concerning the grain crop are as follows:

Grain.	Bushels.	Acreage.	Av.
Wheat	55,761,416	2,843,508	21.07
Oats	45,484,025	1,031,239	42.6
Barley	14,064,025	432,298	31.2
Flax	[illegible]6,964	24,770	13.2
Rye	173,075	6,923	25.0
Peas	53,706	2,081	26.0

The total value of the dairy products is $895,937.64, the cheese output being worth $127,346.41 and the butter $769,591.53.

THREE BOYS DROWNED.

Toledo, Dec. 16.—Three boys were drowned while skating on the Maumee river today. They were Mervin Kraft, aged 11, Frank Klauser, aged 9, and Chas. Harris, aged 5.

KING CARLOS AT PARIS.

His Majesty of Portugal Guest of Honor at American Embassy.

Paris, Dec. 16.—King Carlos of Portugal was the guest of honor at a brilliant reception at the American embassy tonight. After dinner a musicale was given in the ballroom. The king was a most interested listener and frequently applauded. He departed at midnight.

ICE IN DIXIE LAND.

Frost Causes Much Damage and Many Dangers in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16.—Richmond has been in a heavy coating of ice since yesterday. The limbs of shade trees and telegraph poles and wires are falling all over the city, rendering travel difficult and dangerous. Every policeman in the city and every fireman, including the regular reserves and call men, are on duty tonight patrolling the city to warn people away from fallen wires and to watch out for fires.

A SOUTHERN SHOOTING.

Negro Shot Dead by School Teacher in Self-Defence in Virginia.

Logan, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Herman Nolan, a negro, was today shot and killed by Miss Daisy Wilkinson, a school teacher. The shooting occurred on the highway running through a woodland near the Guayandotte river. Miss Wilkinson was walking to her school and was overtaken by the negro. He made advances and threatened to kill her. Miss Wilkinson drew a pistol and sent a bullet through his brain. The girl then walked to a farmhouse and told her story. The negro's body after lying in the road several hours, was thrown by citizens into the Guayandotte river. The girl has not yet been arrested and the indications are that she will not be.

Miss Wilkinson is but 20 years old. She boarded more than half a mile from her school, and friends had advised her to carry a pistol.

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FIRE AT LADYSMITH.

Ladysmith, Dec. 16.—At two o'clock this morning the fire alarm brought the local fire brigade to the residence of A. Balo, a large house on Fifth avenue. The building was totally destroyed and over two thousand dollars damage resulted, insurance, $1,500.

KEEPER OF THE PEACE.

Kaiser Takes Credit for Faithful Closure of Temple of Janus.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Emperor William, in a speech at a reception at Brunswick today said: "I am happy because it has been possible for me to keep the peace for the German empire until the present time."

STRIKE IN DOCKYARD.

Temporary Trouble on British Man-of-War Building at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 16.—A strike was began at the dockyards here today among the men who are building the battleship Dreadnaught, on which work is being pushed with all speed, though the exact reason for the unusual haste has not transpired. The men have been required to work overtime and Friday evening the rivetters decided their pay was inadequate and refused to resume work until their grievance was adjusted. After some delay today their chief promised to recommend the reform requested, whereupon the men returned to their labors. This, it is stated, is the first time a strike has taken place at the royal dockyards.

Lord Curzon For Commons

Former Viceroy of India Is Slated to Represent City of London.

Great Political Campaign Will Be Inaugurated During This Week.

Unionists Will Probably Offer a Modification of "Chamberlain" Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The great political campaign in the United Kingdom will be fairly inaugurated during the coming week, when the new prime minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, will speak a tAl-Campbell-Bannerman, will speak at Al-Leeds. It is expected the respective leaders of the government and opposition will tonight outline the main issues and platforms of their parties.

Alfred Lyttleton, colonial secretary in Mr. Balfour's cabinet, speaking at Leamington tonight, said the Unionists would place their fiscal policy before the country. This is taken to mean that some modification is what is known as the "Chamberlain policy" is intended. Mr. Lyttleton also said the Unionists would base their fight against the Liberals on Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's well-known home rule policy. With regard to the fiscal policy Mr. Lyttleton, who may be understood as speaking for the Unionists, said the whole policy of his party would be for the

Prevention of Unfair Competition

and colonial preference. Christmas week will bring an enforced truce between all the parties so far as an active campaign is concerned, but activity will start again at the New Year. The campaign, it is thought, will be short and sharp. Writs are expected to be issued January 8, which means that a majority of the elections will be over by January 25, though actually some of the constituencies have until January 28. In any event the whole matter will be decided inside the month of January and parliament will meet February 15.

One of the most interesting pieces of political news developed during a week filled with political movements is the practical certainty that

Lord Curzon of Keddleston

former Viceroy of India, will represent the city of London in the house of commons in succession to Sir Joseph Dimsdale. It is recognized in all political circles that Lord Curzon is one of the coming men and a petition that is now being circulated in the city is receiving signatures irrespective of creed or party. Lord Curson's friends say he will undoubtedly accept. He is a Conservative free trader.

LIVE STOCK EXHIBITION.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The annual exhibition of the international livestock show opened today in the new building erected.

RUSSIAN RELIEF FUND.

Contributions in New York Now Exceed One Million Dollars.

New York, Dec. 16.—Contributions to the relief fund for Russian sufferers today reached a total of $1,175,639.

SELLING IRVING'S EFFECTS.

Sale of Pictures in the Great Actor's Collection Continued Yesterday.

London, Dec. 16.—At today's auction sale of Sir Henry Irving's effects the famous Whistler portrait of Sir Henry as King Philip II. of Spain was sold for $25,000. Sargent's portrait of Ellen Terry in the character of Lady Macbeth realized $6,300. The Whistler picture goes to America.

THE NEW BRITISH CABINET

Pacific Coast Happenings

Fifteen Thousand Dollars Worth of Jewelry Stolen in California.

The Mysterious Adventures of an American Cannon in the Far East.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—The aged sailor named Thomas Fleming who was shot by a highwayman in the saloon of the Centennial hotel during a hold up last night died this afternoon. No trace of the robbers can be found.

Big Jewelry Robbery

Pasadena, Dec. 16.—Jewels worth $15,000 were stolen from the room of Mrs. James Morgan, a wealthy widow from Chicago, at the hotel Green last night. A reward of $1,000 for their return has been offered and no questions are to be asked.

Escaped Land Fraud Conspirators

Portland, Dec. 16.—S. A. D. Puter and Horace G. McKinley, the convicted land fraud conspirators who were missing, were seen in Southern Florida a

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Heavy Explosion Kills One Man

Ton of Gelignite Causes Terrific Concussion at Rossland Mine.

Magazine Tender's Body Has Not Been Found—Many Wounded.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 16.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon about a ton of gelignite in the thawing house of the Centre Star mine exploded through some unknown cause, killing John S. Ingram, formerly chief of police here, and injuring several scores of people. Ingram was in charge of the powder and his death removed the only possible source of information as to the cause of the explosion. His body was recovered from the debris badly mangled. Lockhart, assistant diamond drill operator, who was at work under the Centre Star offices, was badly cut about the head and legs, but will recover. Several members of the office staff and men in the compressor building were hurt by flying glass or being thrown violently against the machinery. Buildings in the immediate vicinity and the windows all broken. The big

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Exonerated The Doctor

Result of Inquest on the Death of the Young Boy Keil.

Expert Medical Evidence to the Effect That Operation Was Usual.

Distressing Case Which Occupied Coroner and Jury Yesterday.

DR. CARTER was exonerated from all blame for the death of the late William Kiel, eight-year-old son of William Kiel, sealer, of Fourth street, by the coroner's jury which yesterday investigated the circumstances attending the death of the boy when under an operation for the purpose of removing a fluid accumulated in the pleural cavity, by Dr. Carter, the attending physician. The jury was composed of H. E. Levy (foreman), J. H. Greer, Ernest Temple, E. J. Howe, Alex. Muir and Captain William Heater. After hearing the evidence of many physicians, some as experts, and the statement of the parents, the jury found: "That the child came to his death from natural causes, from the effects of a shock to the system while undergoing a necessary operation, and the attending physician was in no wise to blame."

The body of the boy, which had been interred, was exhumed and an inquest ordered by the Attorney-General's department. Dr. Carter was anxious that all the facts be brought out, and the father was insistent that an investigation be held. Accordingly, the body was exhumed and a post-mortem examination made by Dr. Robertson, city health officer, and Dr. Frank Hall. At the request of Dr. Carter, a large number of medical men were present to give evidence as experts.

Dr. Hasell, physician in charge of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, was the first witness. He said William Kiel was a patient at the hospital, suffering from pneumonia. He improved, but later was found to have an effusion in the right side of his chest, a common occurrence in such cases. He was examined by witness, Dr. Stainer, Dr. McMicking and the attending physician, Dr. Carter. All agreed he had an effusion and it was necessary to remove it—the sooner the better. In order to make sure of his diagnosis, Dr. Carter put a small needle in the boy's side and drew off a portion of the effusion, thus establishing his diagnosis.

Dr. Carter then asked witness to prepare for the operation of aspiration, as he intended to draw off the fluid. Witness prepared the necessary apparatus. In order that the child might not suffer more than necessary, Dr. Carter used ethylchloride, an anaesthetic, on the side of the chest. Twenty minutes afterwards he inserted a needle. The boy was very nervous and frightened. He was shouting considerably, the worst thing he could do. One side of his chest was pracically numb. He did not sit up. He was lying down. After making a small incision Dr. Carter inserted the needle a small distance. Nothing came away. Witness suggested that he push the needle further. He did, and some fluid came out. The child had stopped crying. His color changed, and when Dr. Carter removed the needle the child was gone.

The Coroner—Have you any opinion as to the cause of death?

Dr. Hasell—I myself think the boy died of shock. I have seen similar deaths—one of a man, another of a young girl.

Juryman Levy—With the lungs in the condition that the boy's were, would it have been possible to administer chloroform?

Dr. Hasell—It would have been exceedingly dangerous.

H. E. Levy—What would have been the result if the operation had not been performed?

Witness—The child would have inevitably died.

J. H. Greer—How long had the child been sick?

Dr. Hasell—About six weeks, I think.

J. H. Greer—There was no other means of taking that fluid from the lungs?

Witness—No, none.

E. Temple—Were the parents consulted before the operation was performed?

Witness—I believe they were; the father was present all the time.

E. Temple—Did the father have an opportunity to quiet the child?

Witness—He was talking to him all the time.

Dr. J. C. Davie gave expert evidence. He had practiced in Victoria for 35 years. With the symptoms described to him of the condition of the deceased, he would have operated similarly to what Dr. Carter had done.

H. E. Levy—You think the operation was absolutely necessary?

Dr. Davie—When the fluid is there to the extent described by Dr. Carter, it is necessary to remove it. An anaesthetic would be dangerous.

H. E. Levy—Summing up the whole situation, would you do as Dr. Carter had done?

Dr. Davie—I would certainly have removed that fluid. I don't know what was done by Dr. Carter. No two men act exactly the same. All doctors try to do their patients good. People forget that the human frame is weak, and the remedies a physician finds necessary to apply are sometimes dangerous.

J. H. Greer—Do you think the child died of fright?

Dr. Davie—Very likely; one lung was completely out of action.

Mr. Greer—Have you any fault to find with the practitioner?

Witness—No.

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Mr. Greer—You think he did it for the best?

Dr. Davie—Yes.

Mr. Kiel, the boy's father, asked: Why did Dr. Carter promise me my boy's life? How long would he have lived if the operation had not been performed?

Dr. Davie—The child was in a very dangerous condition and the operation was necessary. The doctor did what he could.

Miss Gladys Grant, nurse, had heard the evidence of Dr. Hasell, and corroborated it. The deceased was a nervous boy; seemed to be a spoiled child. She did not ask Dr. Carter not to perform the operation.

Dr. Stanier told of examining the deceased at the hospital and found the right side of his chest cavity filled with fluid. He told Dr. Carter and the doctor said he had found the same and intended to aspirate. He endorsed the operation.

The Post Mortem Examination

Dr. Frank Hall performed the post-mortem examination on the deceased boy. He said he found pneumonia on the right side and empyema—that is, inflammation of the right lung—and an accumulation of fluid in the pleural cavity. The other organs were healthy as far as he could judge. There was a slight cut two inches below the angle of the scapula, where the needle had been inserted. This was the usual situation to aspirate. The left side of the heart was empty, the right side being filled with clotted blood. A needle inserted as Dr. Carter had done would not injure any vital spot. The remote cause of death was pneumonia and empyema; the immediate cause of death was shock.

The Coroner—Have you known any cases of deaths during similar operations on the lung or pleura?

Dr. Hall—No, I never have.

The Coroner—Isn't it a well known fact that such deaths do occur?

Dr. Hall—Yes, sir, it is a well known fact. It is accidental and very rare.

The Coroner—I suppose a death like this might occur to anyone?

Dr. Hall—It might occur to anyone.

H. E. Levy—If the operation had not been performed, what would have been the result?

Dr. Hall—The chances are the child would have died.

The evidence of Dr. Hasell was read to witness with regard to the operation, and he said that what Dr. Carter had done was the ordinary practice. He had performed similar operations a hundred times. He thought the child died from shock.

Dr. Carter—If you had a patient, doctor, and found him suffering from an effusion extending to the second rib, would you wait to ask the parents before operating, or go ahead?

Dr. Hall—It is not my usual practice to ask questions of parents. The patient is put in my hands to be treated. I go ahead. Sometimes I ask them—if they are around.

Mr. Kiel—The tube used by Dr. Carter did not reach the boy's heart?

Dr. Hall—No; that would be impossible.

Dr. Robertson, city health officer, also was present at the post mortem and he gave similar evidence to that of Dr. Hall and agreed with his findings.

Dr. Carter—If you had that operation to perform, would you consider it serious—would you inform relatives of the patient it was dangerous?

Dr. Robertson—No; it is done quite often; I have done it often without anaesthetic, and never heard of an accident.

At this stage, with several other medical men present ready to give evidence, the foreman of the jury, H. E. Levy, said the jury thought it had heard enough expert evidence, and it was decided to dispense with further medical evidence other than that of Dr. Carter, the attendant physician.

Dr. Carter was in attendance on the child. About four days before death resulted he found indications of an accumulation of fluid in the chest. He tried to get rid of it. On the day before the boy died he decided it would be necessary to aspirate the next day. Doctors Stanier and McMicking were present with him at an operation and he asked them to examine the boy. This was not necessary, but was done to assure the father, who was so much taken up with the boy. The father was told of the presence of the fluid and of the necessity of removing it. The father asked if there was danger, and was told there would be little if any. Mr. Kiel then asked if there would be much pain. Witness informed him he could give the boy an anaesthetic; that he could freeze the part with ethyl-chloride and only a small cut would be necessary. The father objected after he had frozen the skin, when he started to insert the needle. The boy shouted, "Papa! Papa!" Then the boy turned blue. Witness removed the needle and turned the boy on his back, but could do nothing for him. He was dead.

The father asked witness why he did not tell him there was danger, and he had said there was none. Witness produced some medical text books bearing upon the operation in question, and read one extract stating there was danger in delaying to remove the effusion. Another extract was read from Dr. Osler's book, which stated the operation was extremely simple and practically without danger. If he had the same operation to perform now he would act as he had done.

Mr. Temple—What did the father say to you when you began to operate?

Dr. Carter—He said "Stop! Stop!"

Mr. Kiel—Before you operated I asked you if you would give the boy ether, and you said "No." I asked you if you would stop. You paid no attention. Dr. Hasell told you to stop. You put on the freezer. You took the knife and pushed the needle in my boy.

Mr. Temple—Is it not usual to send relatives and friends of the patient from the room?

Dr. Carter—Yes, if you can get them to go.

Mr. Kiel, the boy's father, said Dr. Carter had told him the operation would not be serious and would not hurt the boy much. Dr. Carter pressed a tube into the boy's side. Then the doctor said he would have to use a larger tube, which would not hurt the boy. He said there was not the least danger. Dr. Hasell came in with a [illegible] and they made ready to operate. Witness asked if he was going to give the boy ether or chloroform, and the doctor said he would not as the boy could not stand it. "At that time," said Mr. Kiel, "he put the freezer on the boy's side. I pleaded for mercy for my boy. I told him not to do it. He paid no attention to me. Dr. Hasell said, 'Hush, Mr. Kiel, don't interfere with our business.' I said, 'remember, Dr. Carter, if you do this you're doing it against my consent.' By that time he had the tube ready to push it into the child's body, but there was difficulty. He pressed the tube in with the heel of his hand. The little boy hollered and said, 'Papa, papa, fan me, fan me.' These were his last words. Dr. Carter then took the needle from the child's side and it fell on the floor. Wringing his hands he said he wouldn't have this occur for one thousand dollars. I said, 'Dr. Carter, wha thave you done?' He said, 'Mr. Kiel, I'm afraid your child is gone. I said, 'Dr. Carter, you have killed my child, you have murdered my child.' Dr. Carter never said anything. Then I lost control of myself anu went out. I met Dr. Carter outside the hospital gates and I said, 'Dr. Carter, what did you do that for?' He said the child would not have lived twenty-four hours. Dr. Carter did not tell me that before the child was dead."

Mr. Greer—How long have you lived here?

Mr. Kiel—Since 1891.

Mr. Greer—You have known Dr. Carter a long time and thought he was a good doctor?

Mr. Kiel—Yes, I thought Dr. Carter was a good doctor.

The coroner, Dr. Hart, said he thought there was no dispute as to the main facts, only as to the matter of the father's consent. The experts were unanimous that the condition of the child was such that it required relief and that the proper methods had been used. Consent of the father may or may not have a bearing in a civil suit, but it was not in the province of the jury. In cases of this kind the jury cannot consider the absolute degree of skill which the doctor may or may not have had. He did not know that it entered into the case, but there can be no doubt that the necessary qualifications were held by Dr. Carter and the other medical men who had testified. There was, of course, sympathy to be felt for the unfortunate father who had seen his child die before his eyes.

The jury then retired and after consideration brought in a verdict as stated above, exonerating Dr. Carter from all blame.

Pacific Coast Happenings

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few weeks ago according to reliable authority.

Eight Years for Forgery

Bellingham, Dec. 16.—C. F. Kelly, alias C. J. Coil, who was convicted of depositing a forged draft at the bank of Blaine, was today sentenced in the superior court to 8 years in the penitentiary.

Adventures of a Gun

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The army transport Thomas, just arrived from the Orient, brought home a piece of artillery which originally belonged in the United States, but which was found in the possession of the Russian forces at Port Arthur when the Japanese captured that stronghold. The government of Japan, when they discovered the ownership of the gun, turned it over to United States Minister Griscom, who shipped it from Nagasaki consigned to the arsenal at Benicia. The field piece was stamped inside the barrel "Watervliet arsenal, 1898, 829 pounds, number 209, J. W. J." The military authorities here are now wondering how this particular gun got into the possession of the Russians.

Heavy Explosion Kills One Man

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War Eagle boarding house is badly damaged, some of the inmates being injured slightly. In the city the shock of the explosion caused much consternation and did a large amount of damage. Nearly all the plate glass windows on Columbia avenue were smashed, many people receiving cuts from fragments. Merchants had Christmas goods displayed, much damage being done among these. The amount of glass destroyed is enormous and heavy importations for repairs will be necessary. The citizens feel thankful, nevertheless, that the loss of life and property was not greater. The Centre Star, War Eagle and Le Roi mines will shut down for a few days because of the injury to the steam and air pipes and the compressor machinery and the partial wreck of the buildings containing them. The damage cannot be exactly appraised, but it is thought it will reach probably $50,000.

Another Explosion

Detroit, Dec. 16.—A News special from Marquette, Mich., says: "Five men were killed by an explosion today at the Dupont Company's dynamite works here. About 1,400 pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded in the mixing house of the company's factory, which is three miles distant from Marquette. The dead men, all workmen employed by the Dupont Company, were blown to shreds. Of the thirty buildings in the plant few escaped damage and some were badly wrecked. The mixing house was totally destroyed.

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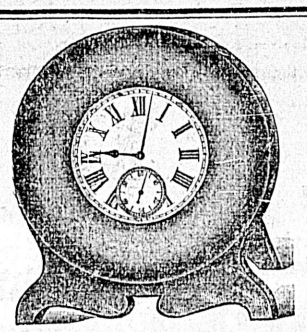

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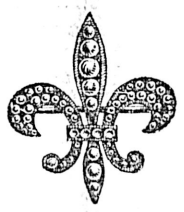

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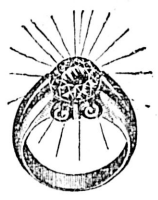

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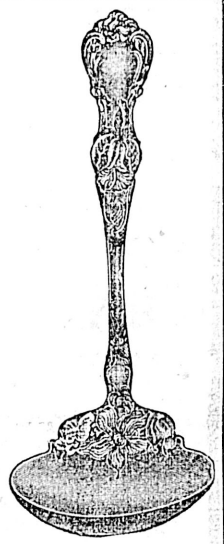

ARTISTIC SUGAR SPOONS

SILVERWARE

STRIKING CLOCKS

ENGLISH OAK GOODS

FOR FATHER	FOR MOTHER	FOR BIG SISTER
Stamp Box, 75c. up. Ebony Brushes, $1.75 up. Wallet, $1.50 to $8.50. Brass Desk Blotter, $2.50 up. Table Cigar Lamp, $1.50. Letter Books, $2.00 up. Cigar Boxes, $5.00 up. Brass Pipe Racks, $2.75. Pipe Sets, $6.00 to $15.00. Cut Glass Decanters, $5.00 up. Gold Watch, $35.00 up.	Ebony Bonnet Brush, 75c. Brass Candlesticks, 75c. up. Cut Glass Vase, $1.00 up. Silver Thimble, 25c. to $1.00. Silver Candlesticks, $3.75 up. Sewing Sets, $1.75. Fern Pot, $3.00 to $5.00. Bedroom Clock, $1.50 up. Afternoon Tea Set, $12.00 up. Afternoon Kettle and Stand, $10.00 up. Spectacle Chatelaine Case, $3 up.	Belt Buckles, 75c. up. Silver Thimbles, 25c. up. Fungus Photo Frames, 75c. up. Shopping Bags, $1.00 up. Fan, $1.00 to $3.00. Hat Pins, 35c. to $1.00. Stone Set Necklet, $4.00 up. Gold Brooch, $3.00 up. Ebony Toilet Set, $3.75 up. Cut Glass Puff Box, $1.50. Silver Toilet Set, $7.00 up.
FOR LITTLE SISTER	**FOR BIG BROTHER**	**FOR LITTLE BROTHER**
Silver Bangle Bracelet, 25c. Brooch, 50c. to $5.00. Ebony Hair Brush, 75c. Silver Chain Bracelet, 25c. Silver Necklet, 50c. Ebony Manicure Set, $1.00. Ring, $1.00 to $3.00. Gold Heart Charms, $1.25. Solid Gold Necklet, $2.50 up. Fruit Knife, $1.25 up.	Fungus Stamp Box, 75c. Cigarette Holder, $1.00 up. Ebony Military Brushes, $1.75 up. Silver Match Box, $1.50. Cigarette Case, $1.00 up. Gun Metal Cigar Cutter, $1.00. Silver Shaving Brush, $1.00. Gold Scarf Pin, $1.00 up. Fountain Pen, $3.00 up. Gold Cuff Links, $3.00 up. Silver Watch, $5.00 to $10.00.	Serviette Ring, 25c. up. Silver Studs, 25c. and 50c. Watch Chain,, 25c. to $1.50. Watch Charm, 25c. to $1.00. Pocket Knife, $1.00. Silver Whistle, 50c. up. Silver Cuff Links, 50c. up. Watch, $1.00 to $3.00. Fungus Stud Box, 75c. Knife, Fork and Spoon, $1.75 up.
FOR BABY	**FOR HUSBAND**	**FOR WIFE**
Bib Pin, 25c. to $1.50. Bib Holders, 75c. Gold Rings, 75c. and $1.00. Silver Spoon, 75c. to $1.50. Food Pusher, 50c. to $1.25. Dress Pin Sets, $1.00. Pretty Brooches, $1.00 up. Baby Rattles, $1.25. Coral Necklet, $1.00. Teething Rings, $1.50. Puff Boxes, $2.00.	Pouch, 75c. up. Letter Scale, $1.50. Cigar Holder, $1.00. Cigar Box, $5.00. Dining Room Clock, $5.00. Ebony Cloth Brush, 75c. Gold Links, $3.00. Gold Watch Chain, $7.50 up. Gold Locket, $3.00 up. Liquor Set, $6.00. Gold Watch, $25.00 up.	Toast Rack, 50c. Fungus Jewel Case, $2.75. Ebony Mirror, $2.00 up. Cut Glass Bowl, $5.50. Useful Purses, $1.00 up. Shopping Bags, $2.50 up. Umbrellas, $3.75 up. Pearl Star Brooch, $10.00. Gold Bracelet, $7.00 up. Pearl and Diamond Ring, $15.00.
FOR SWEETHEART	**FOR LOVER**	**FOR FRIEND**
Diamond Ring, $10.00. Gold Locket, $2.75. Gold Necklet, $2.50. Lorgnette Chain, $8.00. Jewel Box, $2.50. Toilet Set, $10.00. Gold Bracelet, $4.50. Gold Brooch, $2.50. Pendant, $5.00 up. Ebony Toilet Set, $4.50.	Pouch, 75c. Cigar Cutter, $1.50. Cigarette Holder, $1.00. Cigarette Box, $3.50. Cigar Box, $5.00. Ebony Traveling Sets, $2.75. Rings, $3.00 up. Scarf Pins, $2.00. Gold Studs, $1.00 up. Diamond Set Links, $20.00 up. Diamond Set Lockets, $20.00 up.	Paper Knife, 50c. Ebony Hair Brush, 75c. Car Ticket Case, 25c. Feather Fan, $1.00. Walking Canes, $1.00. Photo Frames, $1.00 up. Blotters, $1.00 to $10.00. Fruit Knife, $1.25 Date Case, $1.75. Whist Marker, $2.00. Cut Glass Scent Bottle, $1.00.

THE LOWER LIST IS A READY REFERENCE OF INEXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WHICH ARE ARRANGED FOR INSPECTION ON SEPARATE TRAYS IN OUR SHOWROOMS. . . . . .

For 25c	For 50c	For 75c
Silver Thimble. Silver Bracelet. Brass Photo Frames. Emery Sewing Balls. Ebony Manicure Pieces. Leather Stamp Cases. Souvenir Charms. Ladies' Blouse Pins. Ladies' Beauty Pins. Cut Glass Salt Cellars. Leather Ticket Cases.	Silver Cuff Links. Silver Mounted Manicure Pieces. Silver Charms. Silver Mounted Combs. Silver Toothpicks. Leather Purses. Horn Drinking Cups. Pearl Blouse Sets. Copper Ash Trays. Ebony Glove Stretchers. Tape Measures.	Silver Mounted Ink Well. Silver Blouse Sets. Silver Mounted Bib Holder. Silver Plated Napkin Ring. Brass Calendars. Tobacco Pouches. Pig Skin Purses. Fungus Photo Frame. Cut Glass Pomade Jar. Belt Buckles. Silver Stamp Boxes.
For $1.00	**For $1.25**	**For $1.50**
Silver Photo Frames. Silver Shaving Brushes. Silver Pepper Shakers. Silver Scissors. Silver Cigarette Holders. Gun Metal Cigar Cutters. Gun Metal Blotters. Pearl Handle Pocket Knives Ostrich Feather Fans. Boys' Watches. Perfume. Sprays.	Silver Baby Rattles. Silver Bonnet Brushes. Silver Chain Bracelets. Silver Sugar Tongs. Gun Metal Match Boxes. Gun Metal Card Cases. Brass Fern Pot. Gold Ring. Gold Studs. Enamel Pencils. Ornamental Hair Combs	Silver Chain Purses. Silver Calendars. Silver Serviette Ring. Silver Nail Polishers. Silver Thimble. Silver Mounted Horn Drinking Cups. Silver Plated Nut Cracks. Fancy Gilt Bedroom Clock. Gun Metal Coin Holders. Dresden China Vase. Silver Plated Knife Rests.
For $1.75	**For $2.00**	
Silver Watch Chains. Silver Mounted Pouches. Silver Mounted Baby's Hair Brush. Silver Top Jewel Boxes. Half Dozen Plated Teaspoons. Cut Glass Perfume Bottle. Fungus Photo Frame. Cloisonne Vase. Ebony Military Brushes. Gold Stone Set Ring. Gold Filled Cuff Links.	Silver Bon-Bons. Silver Curling Tongs. Cigar Lighters. Silver Plated Toast Rack. Pearl Handle Cheese Scoop. Whist Markers. Gold Pens. Cut Glass Puff Boxes. Royal Vienna China Vase. Deposit Ware Perfume Bottles. Horn Handle Cork Screws.	All Our Ebony Goods are GUARANTEED to be GENUINE EBONY

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WEILER'S SUGGESTIONS

FOR

CHRISTMAS "STOCKINGS"

"Mark Your Choice Now—Later You'll be Too Busy"

For Mother

Mother Love Cannot Be Repaid It Can Be Appreciated.

A new oil cloth for the kitchen or bath room, 35c., 40c., 50c. square yard.

Or the more serviceable linoleum, at 60c., 75c. and $1.00 square yard.

Or the unwear-out-able inlaid linoleum, $1.25 to $1.50 square yard.

Table linen for new cloths for the Xmas table, 50c. to $1.25 yard.

Or a set of napkins at $1.50 to $6.00 per dozen.

Linen table cloths, ready for use, all prices from $1.50 each up.

Tea cloths, plain, hem-stitched, 36 inches square, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 each.

Embroidered, hemstitched tea cloths, $1.75 to $2.25 each.

Irish linen hand-embroidered tea cloths, 36 inch, $3.50, $4.25 each.

Pillow lace doylies, round and square, 35c. to 65c. each.

Pillow cases, linen hand-embroidered, $3.50 pair.

Linen sheets, embroidered tops, $5.00 each.

Hemstitched linen sheets, 2½x3 yards, $7.50 pair.

Linen by the yard, 82 inches wide, $1.50 yard.

Drawn work doylies, 25c. to 50c. centre pieces, $1.25 each.

Tea cloths, Japanese drawn thread, Irish linen, $2.25, $3.00 each.

Tray cloths, drawn thread, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 each.

Sideboard cloths, Japanese drawn thread, $3.00, $4.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted cut glass mustard pots, $5.00 each.

Pastel pictures in handsome gold sweep frames, $6.00 to $12.50 each.

Photo reproduction of one of the old masters, $2.50, $3.50 each.

Steel engravings, large size, $10.00 each.

Carbon copies, new frames, $8.00 each.

"Asti" heads in handsome oak sweep frames, $7.50, $10.00 each.

"Auto" pictures, weathered oak frames, $2.50 each.

Table bells, nice variety, 50c., $1.00 to $3.00 each.

Biscuit jars in oak and silver, $4.00, $4.50, $6.00 each.

Salad bowls and servers in oak and silver $7.50 to $10.00 each.

Afterwards tea trays in oak, $2.00 to $3.50 each.

Antique oak chests, $6.00, $8.00 each.

Ice knives, silver plated, plain, $2.50; gilt, $3.00 each.

Sauce or gravy ladles, silver-plated, $1.50 each.

Plated fruit knives, $11.00 dozen.

Bouillon spoons, Rogers' silver plate, $9.00 dozen.

Pickle stands in crystal glass-plated frames, $1.50 up.

Pickle stands in ruby glass-plated frame, $1.75, $2.50 each.

Butter dishes, $1.50 to $10.00 each.

Celery holders, plated stands, $2.50, $3.50 each.

Bread knife, sterling silver, $4.50 each.

Sterling silver berry spoon, $6.00 each.

Salt shakers, silver-mounted, $1.50 pair.

Glass candleabra, 3 branches and centre, 21 inches high, $10.00 each.

Baking dishes, nickel mounts and covers, $3.50, $4.25 each.

Hot water jugs, art brass and copper, $2.50, $4.00 each.

Copper waiters, $1.50 to $3.00 each.

Coffee pots, nickel, circulating, $4.50, $5.00 each.

Crumb trays and brushes, brass and copper, $2.50 each.

Bisque china ornaments, 25c., 50c., 75c. to $2.50 each.

Dinner and tea set combinations in English, French and Austrian china—a magnificent selection, $9.00 to $140.00.

Sets of jugs, a great assortment, 95c. to $2.50 set 3.

Toilet sets, very large choice, $2.25 to $18.00 set.

Meat sets, 7 pieces in Wedgewood ware, $8.50.

Meat sets, 13 pieces—12 plates and 1 platter in rich flown blue, $6.00 set.

Game sets—13 piece wedgwood, $4.00 to $10.00 set.

Teaspoons, sterling silver, half dozen in case, $7.00, $7.50, $8.00, $8.50, $9.00, $9.50, $10.00 case.

Oyster forks, sterling silver, half dozen case, $8.75.

Fruit forks, sterling silver, half dozen case, $8.00.

Solid silver salt shakers, $3.00 each.

Mustard pots, sterling, mounted glass, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00 each.

Butter dishes, flat, sterling silver and cut glass, $8.00 each, in 6 very pretty shapes.

Nut crackers, sterling silver, $4.00 each.

Gravy boat, sterling silver, $10.00 each.

Table centres, silk and brocade, 65c., $1.00, $1.75 each.

Sideboard covers, "pillow" lace, $5.00, $6.00, $8.00 each.

"Pillow" lace doylies, 35c. to $3.00 each.

Tea cloths, "pillow" lace, $7.50 to $12.00 each.

Bedspreads, pillow lace, $11.00 to $25.00 each.

Pillow cases in pillow lace, $9.00 to $12.00 each.

Mantel or piano drapes, Japanese silk, $3.00 to $5.00 each.

Table covers in hand-embroidered Japanese silk, $1.50 to $3.00 each.

Draught screens, 4-fold Japanese embroidered, $4.50 to $12.00 each.

Indian printed cotton table covers, $1.00 each.

Indian printed cotton curtains, $7.50 pair.

Cashmere table covers, $1.50 to $2.75 each.

Table runners, Armenian embroidered, $6.00, $8.00 each.

Table covers, embroidered sateen and trimmed with ecru lace, $2.50 each.

Table covers, striped Indian silk Madras, $2.25 each.

Cushions, in Oriental tapestry covers, $2.75 each.

Hand printed Oriental Madras covered cushions, $1.50 each.

Cushion tops, linen taffeta, rosebuds, 90c. each.

Cushions, made up in sateen coverings, $1.50 to $3.00 each.

Carpet sweepers, Bissels', $3.25, $3.75 each.

Tapestry panels, hunting scenes, $3.50 to $10.00 each.

Russian down quilts, art sateen covers, $5.50, $6.50 each.

Red chintz covered quilts, $2.75 to $7.50 each.

Down quilts, sateen, silk and satin covers, plain and frilled, $8.00 to $35.00 each.

Mirzapore hearth rugs 3 feet x 6 feet, $9.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, oak, with cane seat, $3.50 each.

Bedroom chairs, mahogany finish, cane seat, $3.00 each.

English brown willow lounge chairs, low, wide roomy seats, $10.00, $12.00 each.

English brown willow lounge chairs, upholstered, from $17.50 each.

Arm chairs in fancy split cane, plain or parti-colored styles, $10.00 $12.00, $14.00 each.

Parlor tables, quarter-cut oak, fancy shapes, $3.50 each.

Bedroom tables in elm and oak, $2.00 to $5.50 each.

"Look over the wife's notes."

For Baby

"His Very Own That's the Idea."

Child's mugs, best quality silver plate, $1.50 to $3.00 each.

Satin engraved "baby" mugs, $2.25 each.

Silver-plated mugs, repousse designs, $2.50, $3.50 each.

Baby spoons, solid silver, $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 each.

Knife, fork and spoon, 30c., 50c., $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 set.

Child's rockers, mahogany finish, $1.75 each.

Golden finish, child's rockers, embossed seat, $1.75.

Solid oak cane seat rockers, $2.25, $2.50.

Reed rockers, $2.50, $2.75 each.

Pretty oak rockers, impervious seat, $2.25 each.

Food pushers, sterling silver, $1.50.

Silver set, spoon and food pusher, $3.25.

Child's sets, knife, fork and spoon, sterling silver with pearl handles, $5.00 set.

Sterling silver mugs, $6.00, $7.50, $10.00 each.

Crib quilts, crepe silk and embroidered "baby," lined with silk and tassel corners, $6.00 each.

Miniature furniture in stained linen fibre pretty designs, chairs, $2.25, $2.50 each; settees, $2.50, $3.00; rockers, $2.50; tables, $2.25 each.

Children's sets in hardwood, table and two chairs, finished red or blue, $2.50 set.

Child's high chairs in hardwood, $1.50 to $2.75 each.

Child's high chairs, 2 position, $4.00; 3 position, $6.50 each.

For Father

It's Hard to Tell What to Give, But Here Are Helps—

Royal Doulton tobacco jar, $1.00, $1.25, $1.75 each.

Match holder for table, Royal Doulton, $1.00 each.

Liqueur frame, 3 bottles, in oak and silver plated; frames with lock, $8.50, $12.00, $18.00 each.

Cigar cabinets, oak and silver, $9.00 each.

Carving sets in cases, horn handles, $3.50 to $5.00 set.

Celluloid handled carvers with steel, $3.50 to $5.50 set.

Paper cutters, in carved woods, Oriental, $2.00 each.

Tobacco jars, decorated china, silver plated mounts, $5.00, $6.00, $7.50 each.

Smokers sets on trays, in silver, $8.00, $11.00 set.

Smokers' sets on tray, in antique copper, $6.50 set.

Cigar boxes in silver, $10.00, $12.00 each.

Pipe racks in polished copper and brass, $1.00, $1.50 each.

Corkscrews, sterling silver, mounted, $2.50 to $10.00 each.

Benares brass ware vases, $8.00, $12.00 each.

Benares brass trays, 85c. to $5.00 each.

Japanese kioto bronzes, $3.00 to $10.00 each.

Japanese bronze jardinieres, $7.50 each.

Chesterfield easy chairs, in pantasote, $24.00, ditto, upholstered in moquette, $25.00 each.

Leather upholstered easy chairs, $30.00 to $75.00 each.

Morris chairs, oak frames, upholstered in denim, $9.00; tapestry, $10.00; pantasote, $12.00; moquette, $15.00; leather, $18.00 each.

Regal Morris chairs, in quartered oak, Antwerp and Flemish oak, handsome styles in all coverings, $25.00 to $35.00 each.

"Look over Hubby's notes."

For Brother

(Bill) and Other Brothers

Sterling silver clothes brush, $5.00 each.

Sterling silver nail polishers, $3.00 to $3.75 each.

Sterling silver military brushes, $9.00 pair.

Sterling silver whisk, $3.50.

Sterling silver match box, $1.50 each up.

Sterling silver mounted shaving brush, $2.50, $4.00 each.

Bretby ware paper weight, 50c. each.

Ink stands in polished bronze and gold plated, $1.00 to $1.50 each.

Double ink stands with pen trays, in silver and gold plate and antique bronze, $2.25, $2.75 each.

Bretby ware novelty ash trays, 50c., 75c. each.

Shaving sets, "Holborn," cup and brush, 75c., $1.00 each.

Japanese metal match boxes, 25c. each.

Ash trays in Japanese antimony, 10c., 15c., up to 35c each.

Cigarette boxes, Japanese art metal, 75c. and $1.00 each.

Plated shaving cups with brush, $4.50, $5.00 each.

Shaving mugs with brush, solid silver, $17.00 each.

Pocket dressing combs, sterling silver, $1.00, $1.50 each.

Military brushes and comb in case, solid silver, $12.00.

Ebony military brushes, $4.00 pair.

Sterling silver mounted hat brushes, $4.00 each.

Whisks, sterling mounted, $2.75 each.

Bachelors cabinets or cellarettes for wine, ice and pipes, golden oak, $25.00.

Bachelors cabinets for wine, ice, or pipes, in weathered oak, $35.00.

Macy book cases, sections, $3.50 to $5.00 each; tops and bases, $2.50 each; reducing sections, $4.75 to $5.25 each.

Macy sectional cases, without glass, $1.75, $2.00 each.

Smokers' cabinets, in weathered oak, $5.00 each.

Stein racks and plate shelf, weathered oak, $6.50 each.

Book racks, in weathered oak, 4 shelves, $3.75 each.

For Sister

(Sue) Your Sister and Another's

Cut glass perfume or Cologne bottles, $4.50, $5.00 to $7.50 each.

Sterling silver bon bon spoons, $1.75 each.

Sewing sets in sterling silver, comprising scissors, pin cushion and thimble, $3.00 set.

Souvenir bon bon trays, sterling silver, $3.00 each.

Ink wells, sterling silver, mounted $2.50, $3.00, $4.00 each.

Salve pots, silver mount, 50c. each.

Fruit knives, pearl handle, folding, $1.25, $2.50 each.

Sterling silver napkin rings, $2.00 to $4.00 each.

Souvenir spoons, sterling silver, $1.75 to $3.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted whisks, $2.00 each.

Ink wells, sterling silver, mounted, $3.50, $4.00, $6.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted puffs, 50c.

Sterling silver puff box and puff, $5.50.

Hand mirrors sterling silver, $10.00, $14.00, $20.00 each.

Desk set, 3 pieces, sterling silver, $2.00, $3.50.

Pomade boxes, sterling silver, mounted, $1.00, $2.50 each.

Shoe horns, cuticles, bells, darners, seals, glove stretcher, polishers, button hooks and letter openers, 50c. each.

Celluloid tablets, silver mounted, $4.00 each.

Sterling sets, shoe horn, button hook, letter opener, $1.75.

Sterling silver letter openers, nail polishers, erasers, cuticles, darners, nail files, button hooks, seals, shoe horns and tweezers, $1.25 to $2.50 each.

Cushion slips in ecru and white, hand made, Connemara lace, $3.00, $4.00 each.

Connemara lace cushion slips on Bengaline silk, $10.00 each.

Cushion covers Liberty art fabrics, Kate Greenaway series, Georgy Porgy, One I Love, etc., 65c., 85c., each.

Cushion covers, Dutch milking and canal scenes, $1.35 each.

Sterling silver manicure sets, in cases, 5 pieces, $4.00, $4.50; 8 pieces, $5.50; 10 pieces, $6.50 set.

Sterling silver writing sets, 6 pieces, consisting of ink well, pen holder, roller blotter, paper cutter, eraser and seal, $4.00, $6.00, $6.50 $7.50 set.

Sterling silver toilet sets, comb, brush and mirror, in handsome repouse designs, $7.50, $12.50 to $20.00 set.

Sterling silver pomade pots, $1.00, $2.00 each.

Sterling silver hair brushes, $6.00 each.

Sterling silver files, button hooks, shoe horns, powder puffs, letter openers, blotters, etc., 50c. each.

Sterling silver darners, seals, tooth brushes, nail brushes, shoe horns, bells, files, etc., $2.00 each.

Sterling silver puff boxes, $3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00, $6.50 each.

Sterling silver mounted tooth powder bottles, $1.50, $2.00 each.

Sterling silver scissors, $1.25 each.

Sterling silver book markers, 25c. each.

Paper clips, in polished bronze, $1.00 each.

Letter racks and stationery holders, in bronze, gold plated and antique finish, $1.25 to $4.00 each.

Ladies' Companions, in silk and plush lined cases, containing scissors, button hooks, pocket knives, piercers, bodkins, thimbles, needles, etc., $3.00, $4.00, $5.00, $7.50, $8.00 each.

English writing desks, polished walnut, inlaid with brass, for table use, $5.50, $6.00 each.

Silver plated bureau box, $6.00 each.

Button boxes, silver plated, $1.50 each.

Silver plated puff boxes, large size, $8.00 each.

Perfume sprays, $3.50 each.

Stationery cabinet, carved sandalwood, $9.00, $16.00.

Sandalwood glove boxes, $10.00 each.

Curio cabinets, carved sandalwood, $9.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, Austrian bentwood, mahogany finish, $2.50 each.

Music cabinets mahogany finish, brass trimmed, $8.00 each.

Music cabinets, in golden oak, $12.00, $15.00 each.

Music cabinets in mahogany, $19.00 to $38.00 each.

Writing desks in maple, $6.00; elm, $8.00 each.

Writing desks, in Antwerp oak, $18.00 each.

Writing desks, in quarter sawed oak, $10.00 each.

Writing desks mahogany inlaid, $16.00 each.

Writing tables, in oak and mahogany, $25.00 to $35.00 each.

Bookshelves, in antique elm, 5 shelves, $6.00 each.

Pretty engravings, in weathered oak finish frames, relieved burnished gold, $4.00 each.

Cheval mirrors, oak or mahogany, $32.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted corkscrews, $3.50 to $5.50 each.

Cigar cutters in bronze, $1.00 each.

Hall brush sets, with mirror, mahogany finish or ebonized, $2.00, $4.00 each.

Claret and whiskey jugs, $4.00 to $15.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted flasks, cut glass, $3.00 each.

Match boxes, sterling silver, $1.75, $2.00, $3.00, $3.75, $6.50 each.

Folding card tables, oak $8.00, mahogany $15.00 each.

Pedestals, mahogany finish and ormolu, $10.00 each.

Pedestals in golden oak, $8.50 each.

Quarter sawed oak pedestals, $17.00 each.

Solid mahogany pedestals, $20.00, $22.50 each.

Arm chair in mahogany, upholstered moquette, $13.00 each.

Foot rests in golden and weathered oak with Spanish leather upholstered tops, $3.50 each.

Easy chairs, upholstered in tapestry, hollow seats, $9.00, spring seats $11.00, $13.00 each.

Easy chairs upholstered in tapestry 2 styles, $15.00, $16.00 each.

Handsome rockers in weathered oak, Antwerp and Flemish finish, most comfortable chairs, upholstered in genuine Spanish leather, $22.50 to $30.00 each.

Arm chairs, massive and grandly built, in weathered or golden oak, upholstered Spanish leathers, $22.50 to $45.00 each.

Bookcases, golden oak, double glass doors, four shelves and bottom drawer, $29.00.

Hall mirrors and hat racks, golden oak, from $10.00 each.

Hall mirrors in weathered oak, $15.00 to $20.00 each.

Shaving stands, oak and mahogany, from $10.00 up.

Chiffoniers, golden oak, bevelled mirror, $42.00.

Tall boys, in golden oak, eight tray $30.00 each.

Pedestal card tables in golden oak, from $14.00 each.

Den tables, weathered oak, circular top $10.00 each.

For Husband

Intimate Comfort-Giving Gifts

Silver plated coffee sets, three pieces, in antique and Queen Anne designs, $20.00, $25.00 set.

Cake baskets, best quality silver plate, in a great choice of designs, round, oval and square, in polished antique or French grey finish, $4.50, $5.00, $6.00, $7.50, $9.50 each.

Egg stands, silver plate, gilt lined cups, six persons, $9.50.

Individual and breakfast casters, $2.75 to $5.00 each.

Marmalade dishes, crystal and Crown Derby patterns, china dishes, silver mounts, $3.50, $5.00 each.

Toast racks, silver plate, $1.50, $1.75, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00 each.

Afternoon tea kettles and stands, electro plate, $22.50, $25.00 each.

Brass and copper afternoon tea kettles and stands, $3.50, $4.00, up to $14.00 each.

Plated tea and coffee sets, 3, 4 and 5 pieces, $15.00, $20.00 to $45.00 set.

Silver plated sugars and creams, $5.00, $7.50, $10.00 pair.

Crumb trays and brushes in silver, $4.00 to $7.00 pair.

Candelabra, French grey finish, silver plate, $13.00 each.

Flower vases Liberty cut glass, $3.50 to $10.00 each.

Cut glass bon-bon and olive dishes, $3.00 to $7.50 set.

Tumblers, Libbey cut glass, $16.00, $24.00 dozen.

Cut glass cream jugs, $5.00, $7.50 $10.00 each.

Rose bowls Libbey cut glass, $10.00, $12.00, $14.00 each.

Cut glass sugars and creams, $6.00, $7.50, $10.00 pair.

Coffee Percolators, in nickel or copper, $10.00 to $12.50 each.

Afternoon cake stands, copper plates and wrought iron stands, $6.00, $7.50, $10.00.

Cake stands, without plates, in polished and antique brass, $4.50, $5.50, $6.00 each.

Sterling silver fish carvers, $15.00 pair.

Sterling silver mirrors, very handsome repousse designs, $10.00 each.

Sterling silver bonnet brushes, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted combs, $2.50.

Bronze mirrors, with and without sconces, $4.50, $8.00, $9.00 each.

Case silverware, polished oak case lined with silk, containing 12 coffee spoons, 12 teaspoons, 6 dessert forks, 6 table forks, in Rogers' 1847, best quality XII silver plate, $37.50 case.

Case cutlery and silverware, a handsome oak cabinet containing 12 table knives, 12 dessert knives, 1 pair meat carvers, 1 pair game carvers, 12 dessert forks, 12 table forks, 2 pairs knife rests, 12 teaspoons, 12 dessert spoons, 12 tablespoons, 4 salt spoons, 1 mustard spoon, 1 pair sugar tongs, $100.00 complete.

Fruit knives and forks, 12 pairs in case, pearl, ivory and celluloid handles, $20.00, $25.00, $35.00, $45.-

Fish knives and forks, 12 pairs in case, pearl handles, $20.00, $25.00; celluloid handles, $25.00 case.

Fish carvers in cases, celluloid handles, $4.50 pair.

Japanese cups and saucers, 10c., 25c., 40c. each.

Card receivers, Japanese metal, $2.50, $3.50 each.

Fern dishes in antimony, $1.50 each.

Coffee spoons, Rogers' 1847, silver plated, $2.00 box of six.

Oyster forks, plated, $3.00 half dozen.

Fruit knives, pearl handles, $6.00 half dozen.

Spirit stoves nickel plated, Columbia, $2.25 each.

Chafing dishes, nickel with wrought iron stand, $5.00 each.

Chafing dish heiners, plated, $4.00 pair.

Plates for decoration, a large choice of real wedgewood plates, 25c. to 75c. each.

Napkin rings, celluloid, numbered, $2.50 dozen.

Plated napkin rings, fancy shapes, 35c. to $1.75 each.

Knife rests, electric plate, $1.50 pair.

Pickle jar caps, $2.00 each.

Salt cellars, plated in boxes, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 pair.

For Wife

Nothing Quite Good Enough for Her, But Here's Suggestions

Silver plated salt cellars and pepper shakers, $3.00 to $5.00 set.

Butter knives, plated, 50c., 60c., 75c., $1.00 each.

Call bells, silver plated, 75c., $1.00 $2.00 each.

Hand bells, 50c., 75c. each.

Platter spoons, plated, $3.00 each.

Nut crackers, silver plated, 75c., $1.00 pair.

Sterling silver gravy ladles, $5.00, $6.50 each.

Fruit knives sterling silver, $10.00 half dozen.

Olive forks, sterling, $3.50 each.

Sterling pickle forks, $3.50 each.

Silver tea strainers, $2.50 each.

Cheese scoops, sterling silver, $3.00 each.

Jelly knives, sterling silver, $6.00 each.

Tea infusers, sterling, $5.00 each.

Soup ladles, sterling, $15.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted olive wood salad servers, $7.50 pair.

Sterling silver tea sets, 3 pieces, $40.00.

Almond trays, sterling silver, $2.00 $5.50 each.

Salt cellars, ruby glass, silver frames, $6.00 pair.

Sterling silver salt cellars, blue glass, $2.00 each.

Bon-bon dishes, sterling silver, $6.00, $7.00 each.

Salt cellars, sterling silver mounted, six in case, $6.00 set.

Toilet set in case, sterling silver, repousse, handsome rose pattern, mirror, comb and brush, $35.00.

Sterling silver repousse, rose pattern, darners, $2.00; erasers, $2.00; nail polishers, $3.50; curlers, $2.00; tooth brush, $2.00; nail brush, $2.00; hook, $2.00.

Bagdad Turkish portieres, $4.00 each up to $10.50 each.

Damascus curtains, striped, $7.00 pair.

Hazara curtains, hand worked, $6.00 pair.

Hearth rugs—"Star" Axminster, $3 each; "Orient" rugs, $5.50 each; "Earnscliffe" reversible rug, $7.00 each; "Wilton" rug, $6.00 each; "Imperial" rugs, $10.00 each; "Mecca" rugs $12.00 each.

Vestibule rugs heavy Axminster, $12.00, $14.00 each.

Goat skin rugs, grey $4.00, black $5.00 each.

Sheep skin rugs, selected and assorted colors, $6.00, $9.50 each.

Table covers, Liberty fabrics, in pastel shades, relieved gold thread, $1.65 each.

Antis, Oriental embroidered linen, $2.00 each.

Doylies, Armenian embroidered, 30c. to 50c. each.

Tea cosies, Armenian embroidered, $5.00 each.

Mats, cushion covers and table centres, in Armenian embroidery, 85c. to $7.50 each.

Table covers, Algerian tapestry, $4.00 to $6.75 each.

Blankets, union wool, $3.50 to $5.35 pair.

Blankets, all wool, $6.00 to $7.25 pair.

Blankets, real Cheviots, $6.50 to $9.00 pair.

Quilts, Marseilles, $3.00 to $12.00 each.

Honeycomb bedspreads, $1.00 to $3.25 each.

Comforters, cotton filled, art muslin coverings, $2.25, $3.00 each.

Cotton filled comforters, artistic designs in pinks blues and greens on white, $4.50 each.

Rockers, richly finished mahogany, $6.00 to $20.00 each.

Rockers, in golden oak, circular back, $14.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, white and gold, cane seat, $4.50 each.

Dining room chairs, weathered oak, upholstered in Spanish leather, $9.00, $10.50, $12.00 each.

Arm chairs to match, $12.00, $13.00, $15.00 each.

Reception chairs, mahogany finish and fibre seats $7.00 each.

Rockers, mahogany finish and fibre seats, $8.00, $9.50 each.

Dining chairs, solid oak, leather seat, $4.00 each; arm chairs to match, $6.00 each.

Dining chairs, quarter cut oak, upholstered leather seat, $5.50, $6.00, $7.00 each; arm chairs to match, each, $8.00, $9.00, $10.00.

Jardiniere stands, golden oak, $2.25 to $5.00 each.

Jardiniere stands, Antwerp and weathered oak, $3.00 to $4.50 each.

Jardiniere stands, mahogany and ormolu, $5.00, $5.50 each.

Parlor suites, walnut, upholstered in tapestry, six pieces, $45.00.

Bed lounges in tapestry, $22.50 each.

Sofas, tapestry coverings, $7.00, $9.00 to $12.00 each.

Couches in velour, tapestry, moquette, etc., $16.00 to $36.00 each.

Buffets in weathered oak, from $25.00.

Buffets in quartered oak, from $14.00.

Sideboards in golden oak, from $25.00

China cabinets in oak from $20.00.

Parlor cabinets, mahogany finish, from $15.00.

Bookcases in golden oak and mahogany, $20.00 up.

Secretaires, combination desk and bookcase, in golden oak, 3 styles, at $40.00 each.

Kitchen cupboards in antique fir, $6.00 each.

Queen cabinets for the kitchen, from $16.00 each.

Wardrobes, golden finished fir, $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00 each.

Weir cabinets in golden oak and quartered oak, $25.00 up.

Plate racks in weathered oak, $2.75 to $6.50 each.

Clock shelves, weathered oak, from $4.50 each.

Fur chests in golden oak, from $18.00 each.

Dressing tables in golden oak, from $16.00 each.

Magnolia parlor tables, $15.00 each.

Oak and reed tea tables, from $4.00 each.

Parlor tables, quartered oak and carved, $10.00 each.

Occasional tables, fancy shapes, $4.50, $5.50 each.

Parlor tables, mahogany finish, $3.00 to $4.00 each.

Sewing tables, mahogany finish, $15.00 each.

Brass bedsteads, from $42.50 to $80.00 each.

Centre tables, birch, mahogany, fancy shapes, $8.00 each.

Afternoon tea tables in quarter cut oak, $8.50, $12.50 each.

"Run Down Mother's column."

For Friend

A Third Friend to Bind Two Friends Closer—Here are Some Tried and True—

Loving cups in Royal Doulton, $1.25 to $2.00 each.

Royal Doulton vases from $2.75 each.

Sandringham vases, blue and white Devon, 75c., $1.25 each.

Devonshire fern pots, 75c. each.

Bretby Jardinieres, 50c. to $3.75 each.

Bronze candelabra, $6.50 each.

Marmalade jar, sterling mounted, Cut glass, $6.00 each; ditto tinted glass, $5.00 each.

Bohemian glass vases, prettily decorated, $1.25, $1.50, $2.50 pair.

Umbrella holders in Bretby ware, $6.50, $8.50 each.

Copper Jardinieres, $1.50, $2.50, $4.00 each.

Candelabra, antique brass, $8.00 to $12.50 each.

Hanging fern pots, Bretby ware, 50c., 75c., $1.25 each.

Art metal candlesticks, $1.00, $1.50 up to $5.00 each.

Candlesticks, artistic wrought iron, $1.25 each.

Gold plated dragon candlesticks, $1.50 each.

Jardinieres, Majolica ware, 25c. to $1.50 each.

Berry spoons, silver plated, plain, $2.00, gilt, $2.50 each.

Avon sets in Rogers' 1847 silver plate, consisting of sugar shell, butter knife and cream ladle, $3.50 set.

Nut sets, 12 picks, 2 crackers, $6.00 set.

Decanters, Libbey cut glass, $12.50, $18.00 each.

Gold decorated Bohemia glass dishes, $3.50 to $5.00 each.

Bread forks, sterling silver, $2.00, $3.00 each.

Salad servers, silver mounted boxwood, $3.50 pair.

Solid silver cream ladles, $2.50 each.

Olive forks, sterling silver, $1.75 each.

Sterling silver almond trays, $2.50 each.

Coffee spoons, solid silver, $6.00, $8.00, $10.00 dozen.

Flower vases, etc., mounted, $1.00 to $5.00 each.

Marmalade jars, sterling silver, $6.00 each.

Mustard pots, incised sterling silver, blue glass lining, $5.00 each.

Pepper shakers, solid silver, $3.00 pair.

Sterling silver butter knives, $2.00, $2.50, $2.75, $3.00 each.

Cake knives, sterling silver, $4.00.

After dinner coffee spoons, solid silver, $6.00, $7.50, $8.00 dozen.

Nut picks, sterling silver, $7.50 half dozen.

Salad spoon and fork, sterling silver, $12.00 each.

Sterling silver sugar shells, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50 each.

Salt spoons, solid silver, 50c. each.

Sterling silver jelly spoons, 75c. to $2.25 each.

Marmalade spoons, $1.75 each, sterling.

Mustard spoons, solid silver, 75c. to $2.25 each.

Bon-bon tongs, sterling, $1.50, $1.75 each.

Sugar tongs, sterling, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 each.

Sterling silver cheese scoop, $2.50, $2.75 each.

Cold meat forks, sterling silver, $3.00, $3.50 each.

Salad forks, $6.00 each; solid silver spoons, $6.00 each.

Boullion spoons, $10.00, half dozen, sterling.

Butter picks, sterling silver, $1.00, $1.75 each.

Cream ladles, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50 each, sterling.

Berry spoons, solid silver, $5.00 each.

Silver set, sugar shell, butter knife and ladle, $7.50.

Bon-bon spoons, sterling silver, $1.75, $2.00 each.

Silver set, sugar spoon, sifter and ladle, $7.50.

Soup spoons, sterling silver, $15.00 half dozen.

Pie servers, solid silver, $5.00 each.

Osyter forks, sterling silver, $8.00 half dozen.

Butter spreaders, sterling silver $9.00 half dozen.

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"THE PERILS OF IMMIGRATION."

We referred the other day to the warning words of Rev. Dr. McLaren, superintendent of missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, about the perils of immigration. His remarks at a gathering in Toronto are reproduced in The Presbyterian, and the facts which he cites are sufficient to emphasize his views on the subject. The immigrants for the last five years number as follows, respectively: 49,149, 67,379, 128,364, 130,331 and 146,266. The percentage of Anglo-Saxons in each year is gratifying enough, being for the past four years 66,732, 41,648, 96,203 and 109,462; but Dr. McLaren says there is something appalling about the list of nationalities, containing as it does the names of most of the nations of the world. In addition to the Teutonic and Scandinavian races of the north of Europe, and Orientals, there are found in the list Africans, Armenians, Austrians, Bavarians, Bohemians, Brazilians, Bukowinians, Doukhobors, Egyptians, Galicians, Greeks, Hungarians, Italians, Persians, Poles, Portuguese, Roumanians, Russians, Servians, Spaniards, Syrians and Turks.

It is out of this heterogeneous conglomeration, Dr. McLaren points out, that we are expected to fashion an intelligent, high-minded body of Canadian citizens. No such list, he says, could have been compiled out of the men who came a hundred years ago to hew out homes for themselves amid the forests of Upper Canada, and of whose splendid work in nation-building we are reaping the fruits today. As stated, when dealing with this matter on a previous occasion, the evils that he fears are from settling these peoples in colonies by themselves, where their racial characteristics, language and customs are likely to be perpetuated and create more race problems in this country. That this danger is real is shown by what already exists. In the southeastern corner of Manitoba there is a colony of 5,000 Galicians, in the Dauphin district 9,000, in the Yorkton district, Saskatchewan, 8,000, and in the neighborhood of Edmonton 18,000. Of Galicians and Bukowinians there are in the Northwest 60,000. The Mennonites number 20,000, the Hungarians about 7,000 and the Doukhobors about 8,500.

Dr. McLaren says he drove in North Saskatchewan to visit the Doukhobor reserve, a distance as far as from Toronto to Georgeton in Ontario, and in this stretch, eight to ten miles wide, his driver could only count up five English settlers—that is to say, of Anglo-Saxon origin. That is an illustration "from life" that is more practical and convincing than anything else could be. Dr. McLaren, in view of this large foreign element in the population, which threatens to increase rapidly, puts several serious questions to the public. "How," he asks, "are we going to maintain in this new land, which we proudly call 'the Greater Britain Beyond the Seas,' those principles and usages and ideals that have made Great Britain so strong and prosperous and influential?" And, again: "We have inherited the genius of the Anglo-Saxon race, a genius that is the product of the thought and toil of a thousand years. Are we going to sacrifice our nationality on the altar of Mammon?"

There are some who may imagine that the policy of the government has changed in respect to the immigration of these foreign elements to which especial objection has been taken. We do not know that any announcement has been made or any action taken that would indicate that the same kind of policy will not be pursued indefinitely. Mr. W. T. R. Preston, the Dominion immigration commissioner in London, of whom most of our readers have at some time or other heard, is, or has been recently, in Canada. He was interviewed in Montreal, and seemed to think—and we quote from an Ottawa Free Press (Liberal) editorial—that the stream of immigration would continue. He decidedly approved of the immigrants who were coming from Northern Europe, and mildly suggested that even those from Southern Europe were a benefit to the country. Mr. Preston, who is head of the immigration department for Europe, and to a large extent advises the minister on the European policy to be pursued, has evidently had no instructions incompatible with the expression of such sentiments.

Mr. Preston is a man of great energy, who is looking for results from his point of view, from the point of view of the immigration agent; but as the Ottawa Free Press points out, an immigration agent is not a good judge, for he is apt to allow his appreciation of numbers to outweigh his appreciation of quality. Dr. McLaren says that "he is no true son of Canada who thinks only of numbers and of wealth in connection with our country's development, and clamors for a rapid increase of population, no matter where it comes from or of what stamp it is, in order that our vast latent resources may be the more speedily brought under tribute." Now, we should not like to say that Mr. Preston is no true son of Canada, and of course the words were not intended to apply to him in his official capacity. Nevertheless, they are true in a very special sense.

There is another aspect in which Dr. McLaren views the evil, and what he has to say has peculiar force at the present time, with the facts of the provincial elections in the Northwest in mind: "Is it not almost an outrage that in some portions of the Northwest the wishes of our Canadian citizens in matters of public importance are liable to be thwarted by the votes of aliens, men who have just emerged from serfdom, who have no true conception of what responsible government means, and who are ignorant of the very alphabet of the public life of Canada?" Dr. McLaren, who is known to many of our readers, is not a "political parson," has never taken any active part in political life, and has, if anything, Liberal tendencies. He is writing simply as a man and a minister.

A SOCIALISTIC PROGRAMME.

Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite has definitely announced his programme for the session of 1906, and it is evident that even if he does not hope to be successful in giving it legislative effect, at all events he proposes that the members shall do something to earn their sessional allowance. These are some of the measures he has in view, providing for:

Abolition of the $200 deposit now required from all persons running for office.
Eight-hour law for all trades.
Old-age pensions.
Womanhood suffrage.
Bill to prevent lobbying.
A weekly wage bill.
Amendments to Shop Regulation Act.
Eight-hour day in smelters.
Bill compelling all stock companies to make out a statement regarding their expenditures, receipts, etc.
Amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Act.
Protection for the small farmer.
Public abattoir act.
Amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Of course Mr. Hawthornthwaite does not expect to be able to carry these measures through the legislature, but he is going to give the members food for thought and discussion; in other words, to supply legislative provender, something to chew on. A good deal of it would be hard to masticate, and still more difficult to digest. Neither the public nor the legislature will take kindly to such measures; in fact, it may be questioned if they will be seriously debated at all, except by the introducer and his follower. British Columbia is getting fairly on its feet again after a spell of too much politics, and no one who has the interests of the country wishes to disturb the business situation by faddy and experimental legislation, the less of which we have the better. There is not the slightest doubt about it but the party for which Mr. Hawthornthwaite stands in the House is quite sincere and terribly in earnest in advocating their views and in their desire to see them crystallized in laws upon the statute book. One or two of the measures indicated might be worthy of careful consideration. It depends upon what is provided for. In the hands of Mr. Hawthornthwaite, however, we have little hope of their being moderate enough to be acceptable to those outside of his own party.

A NEW LIGHT IN THE C. P. R.

It will be news to the great majority of our readers to be informed that what is known as the railway belt in British Columbia, (twenty miles on each side of the railway,) was set aside for the benefit of the C. P. R. company; but that the promoters of that company were not satisfied with it, and made an exchange with the Dominion Government for an equal amount of land in the Northwest territory. Nevertheless, it is so stated on the authority of the official mouthpiece of the British Columbian representative in the federal cabinet, and the officials of the C. P. R., are chidden for their ignorance of such facts of history. But as a matter of fact these officials are not more ignorant than the rest of the public. All but a very few persons, who have kept their light carefully hid under a bushel, have been living under the impression that the forty mile belt through British Columbia was conveyed by the province to the Dominion as part of the terms of union, which were arranged about ten years before the C. P. R. Co. was in existence, and that the Province was allowed and has been paid regularly $100,000 per annum in consideration of the said grant. It may have been inexcusable ignorance on the part of the public to have remained under such impressions for years; but that is the fault of those who knew the real facts of the case and didn't divulge them. It is hardly fair even to the C. P. R. officials to spring them upon us now as a sensation at an inopportune moment. It comes rather as a shock to learn that the C. P. R. syndicate wheedled the Dominion government into an exchange of about 13,000,000 acres of mountains for good prairie land, which is simply another proof of the incompetency or criminality of the Conservative administration of that day. An account of the negotiations that led up to that monstrous bargain will be an interesting chapter of Canadian history. Presumably the official details have formed part of the "secret archives" and have been hidden away somewhere. The necessity of a new history of Canada being written is very apparent.

THE BANNER YEAR.

As an evidence of the unparalleled volume of trade and industry witnessed during the year 1905, it may be stated that the bank clearings in Canada and the United States for the month of November exceed the largest aggregate previously reported for that or any previous month ever known. The grand totals for Canada in November this year were $337,854,833, and for November last year $289,821,087, and for the eleven months this year and last, respectively, $3,025,409,601 and $2,450,636,371. In the United States for November this year they were $13,048,885,478 and November last year $12,442,831,850; and for the eleven months, respectively, $128,675,611,436 and $99,095,090,497. These figures are so large as to be practically beyond comprehension.

Few Books by Noted Writer

For the Christmas season one looks for something more than the ordinary novel, especially when needing a presentation volume. Two books admirably suited for that purpose have lately been published by the Copp-Clark people, "Northern Trails," by William J. Long, and "Red Fox," by Charles G. D. Roberts. The former is a series of animal studies on the Island of Newfoundland and Labrador. The longest and best of the "Wayeeses, the Strong One," is a study of the white wolf of the North put into semi-biographical form. In reading the story one feels oneself continually murmuring unconsciously: "Wonderful! if only it is true." The writer of this review felt very sceptical as to the veracity of the author until, while the book was yet unfinished, he attended a lecture on "Whales" before the Natural History Society of Victoria, and on the same evening read the chapter entitled "Out of the Deeps." Finding that every statement coincided exactly with that of our own Professor Prince, from that time all doubts vanished and the latter part of the book, even that dealing with the sea life of the salmon, which the author admits is pure fiction, was taken in perfect faith. John Burroughs to the contrary, William J. Long is a student of nature, a most keen observer, and an entertaining writer. There seems to be no good reason why scientific study should be the dry bone affair that early students made it. The biographical idea has done much to popularize nature study, and the beautifully illustrated editions of books by such authors as Thompson-Seton, Long, and Roberts have led the way in this work. "Red Fox," by the latter writer, is, as its name implies, the life history of a New Brunswick fox, from cubhood to old age, with the inevitable tragic ending omitted. Like almost all of Mr. Roberts' stories, it deals with the wild life of New Brunswick near the home of his youth. The illustrations by Charles Livingstone Bull add much to the interest of the book, and, indeed, the book is well worth buying just for the sake of the pictures by that celebrated artist. The language of the text is admirably suited to young people, differing very much in this respect from any of the previous works of this author.

The author of the "Wizard of Oz," L. Frank Baum, has written another fairy tale, admirably suited for the Christmas season. Almost all children love the mysterious, and as long as there is nothing to cause fear or ugly dreams, the imagination is quickened and much pleasure is derived from this class of literature. While we shall never tire of the old tales, such as those by Andersen and the Grimm brothers, this book, "Queen Zixi of Ix," will be heartily welcomed by the children. The only quarrel one has with the author is that it is wrongly named. "Princess Floss" would have been much more appropriate though not so original for a title.

In imaginative literature, in which the fancy of the writer is allowed to run riot, "The Flight of Georgiana" takes a high place. The scene is in England just after the battle of Culloden, in which the Pretender's last hope of ever becoming king was dashed, and his followers were in great danger of losing their heads as well as their lands. Two of these, young noblemen, make their way in disguise right through the enemy's country, and one, falling in love with a beautiful lady by the way, stops to make love to her until he is captured. He is given the choice of escape to France on giving his word of honor not to ever again see or communicate with his lady love, or one week's free intercourse with her with the headsman's axe at the close. He chooses the latter, and the way in which the axe is evaded is well worth following for anyone who is fond of complications and their unraveling.

A book of short stories of unusual merit and originality is "Mr. Lion of London and Some Affairs of the Heart," by J. J. Bell. There is a freshness about these little tales that make them a good antidote for "that tired feeling." All are love stories except the first, which is by no means the least interesting. Each one has a real human interest that makes one stop and reflect at the close, and wish that the story were longer.

Ralph Connor is working on a new story to be named "The Doctor," the scenes of which will be laid in the same region as those of "The Prospector." Mr. Gordon's many admirers will look forward with great interest to meeting again some old friends of the reverend gentleman's creation. All of the characters in "The Prospector" were so really alive that one will feel like shaking hands when they appear again on the scene.

The struggle between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Northwest Company has been utilized by Lawrence Mott to weave a stirring tale of trappers and Indians. "Jules of the Great Heart" was an independent trapper, who was persecuted by the older company on account of his independence. A price was put upon his life; first five dollars, then ten dollars and a blanket, and later it was raised to two hundred dollars. Numerous attempts were made on his life, and it is with these and with the faction fights between the rival companies that the story is chiefly concerned. There is something doing in every chapter, so that the reader who loves excitement and action will find here all that he can desire.

The Copp-Clark Company have just published another of Max Pemberton's stirring tales. This time it is the story of an Englishman in France at the time when Napoleon escaped from the Island of Elba. A romantic love theme runs through the whole book, but the chief interest to many will lie in the historical picture of the times preceding Waterloo and the glimpses given of the most magnetic general that the world has ever known. The whole story occupies just about one hundred days, hence the name, "One Hundred Days," which the author has chosen. This latest book will certainly add to Mr. Pemberton's fame as a romancer, and will secure him a more permanent position as a writer of classical literature.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

A PLEA FOR OUR CLERKS.

Sir—Will you permit me, through the columns of your paper, to offer a gentle reminder to our merchants and storekeepers for the benefit of their clerks, who work many hours overtime each day at this season of the year, without any remuneration, or even a small gift. Who is there among us that is not pleased with a little extra money at Christmas time? The storekeepers make it through their clerks, who get nothing for it. The old motto is very suggestive—"Do unto others as you would have them do to you."

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

A LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Sir—What with the Property Owners' Association, the three district associations of North Ward, the hole in the corner coteries of Central and South Wards, the would-be aspirants for municipal honors have indeed a very lively time on their hands. Consider the wide range of position between the associations of the upper ten and lower five, then the possibilities of an alderman treading a middle course. When you have done you will realize, perhaps for the first time, the difficulties of a second and third term.

Those associations with their exacting demands are of little assistance to a conscientious man, while on the other hand, their very formation enables an unscrupulous politician, owing to the diversity of want to hold power and wax fat, playing one against the other. Juggle with the gambling and ministerial representations, and you can box the dice backwards to a starting point, and in this manner grow wool enough for a cold day, and step out.

I want to emphasize that under present conditions without a clean-cut, defined platform and the unanimous support in well doing by the public at large, every inducement is offered dishonesty. Do not let it for a moment be said that I cast reflections upon this or any other board of aldermen. Far from it; considering their abuse they are poorly repaid for what they have lost. Herein lies the reason that business men or men of leisure (members of the Property Owners' Association) refuse absolutely to do their share of public service on the aldermanic board. This fact, however, does not prevent a free criticism of those who are doing their best with the limited means at their disposal, and we may say also a limited statute.

Yet in face of this, what are the various associations doing toward enlarging the scope of municipal activity and revenue? The actions of the Property Owners' Association in still further limiting the council in borrowing and spending powers comes with very bad grace from those who have been responsible for a spread of area more than double in extent of the requirements by reason of excessive property values in the past. Streets, sidewalks, lights, sewers and water services, extending over an area capable of housing some 65,000 persons, is no light task for a city of 26,000 inhabitants, and let it be truthfully said here, would not have occurred if proper assessment of land values had been maintained during the past twenty-five years. But enough. This is spilt milk and will not assist our aldermen in revenue production. Cannot the association named give their good counsel instead of abuse? Land values today on unoccupied land is a touchy question well let alone, if something else will suffice. Taxes on unoccupied land and improvements same tenor; anything else in sight capable of yielding revenue? Any corporation property, rolling stock, water or gas mains, telephone or light poles, legal luminaries, swell clubs or questionable resorts? Yes, some, but—unpopular move. Anything else? How about municipalizing of water, light, power, car, gas and telephone services? Would the cry of vested interests prevent the Victoria Property Owners' Association in joining hands with the North Ward Association in the preparation of a well defined plan for gradual absorption of the commodities named? Will they assist this city in acquiring the dividend productions of private corporations and purses with a view of lessening direct taxation, and eventually reducing to the public the charges we now pay on light, water, power, gas and telephone services? If this institution exists as we are given to suppose for the public good, may we have an exemplification of that virtue by passing the word along that they too have become grounded in like convictions and are ready and willing to help old Victoria along.

PHIL. R. SMITH.

THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN.

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In the Indiana town of Canaan there lived a lonely little girl, Ariel Tabor by name, whose only companions were her grandfather and Joe Louden, a neighbor's boy, as poor and uncared for as herself. Joe earned a livelihood by selling newspapers, spending his spare money for law books and his spare time in reading them, but when nineteen years of age, through an unfortunate series of mishaps, he incurred the displeasure of Judge Pike, the great man of the town, and as a result Joe hurriedly decided to leave Canaan. Almost at the same time Ariel and her grandfather fell heirs to a fortune, and the two removed to Paris in order to study art. Seven years passed before Joe, transformed into a clever lawyer, re-appeared in Canaan. The good people of the town didn't want Joe, but the submerged tenth hailed him as their long-lost friend, and with the hearty approval of the latter he opened an office in the place. Joe's friends were of the kind who need frequent advice in matters of law, and as a consequence his professional progress was rapid, although his social standing left much to be desired. At length, after an absence of nine years, Ariel Tabor returned to her native town, a beautiful and charming woman, in whom the interest of Canaan immediately centred. She stoutly championed her old comrade, Joe, and the manner in which the "conquest of Canaan" was accomplished has been told in Booth Tarkington's own delightful way. The sayings and doings of the Canaanite sages; the humor, pathos and tragedy in the lives of Joe's poor friends; his own manly personality and the love which wrought such a wonderful change in his life, have formed material for a story of rare interest.

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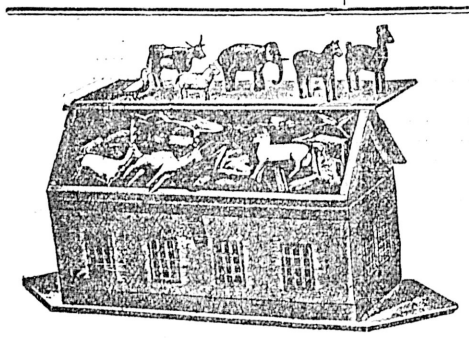

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Local News

St. Ann's Kindergarten.—The pupils of St. Ann's Kindergarten and Primary school, will, on Thursday, at 3:30 p. m., give an entertainment in behalf of the orphans at Nanaimo and Quamichan. No tickets will be issued. Admission will be obtained by the donation of a pair of stockings. *

King's Daughters.—The King's Daughters of Duncans who have recently held a very successful bazaar, wish to thank the following Victoria friends who so generously donated assistance, Windsor Grocery, Hibben & Co., B. Williams & Co., Victoria Book and Stationary, and Hastie's Fair.

St. Ann's Academy.—The display of hand painted china which is on exhibition at St. Ann's academy is attracting a large number of appreciative and interested spectators, many of whom are availing themselves of the opportunity to secure by purchase Christmas gifts of exquisite workmanship and intrinsic value. The display will be kept on exhibition for a few days longer.

Hospital Christmas—All those friends who will contribute towards the Christmas festival at the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital are asked to notify Mrs. Hasell, honorary secretary, or Miss D. Sehl, 97 Quadra street, president of the Daughters of Pity. Donations towards the Christmas tree and plants, cut flowers, holly and evergreen will be gratefully received during the week.

The Water Question.—At tomorrow evening's meeting of the city council Ald. will present a resolution to the effect that the city solicitor be requested to give the council an opinion as to the legality of the acts of the Esquimalt Water Works Company in charging residents within the city limits an excess of water rates over those charged by the city of Victoria.

Farmer's Exchange.—Much interest was aroused by the announcement in Friday's Colonist to the effect that a farmer's exchange would shortly be established in this city. A Colonist reporter in conversation with a prominent farmer of Saanich yesterday was informed that the movement had assumed practical dimensions and that the necessary funds had been subscribed for the venture. Quarters are to be secured in the city in a central place almost immediately and a permanent official placed in charge. The plan is to do away with the middleman's profits, the farmers being brought directly in touch with the consumer.

High School Cadets—At the drill hall yesterday morning a gallery practice of the High School cadets was held, when out of a possible score of 25 the following results were obtained: Sergt. Walter, 20; Sergt.-Major Hartman, 19; Cadet Boggs, 16; Cadet Godfrey, 16; Corp. Macrae, 15; Corp. Boyd, 15; Cadet Carter, 14; Cadet McArthur, 14; Cadet Bannerman, 14. The total attendance was 32. The scores were poor because of the sights not being properly marked and also on account of there being no lights behind the targets. Trustee Mowat was present and manifested a keen interest in the shooting.

Fire at Ladysmith.—At an early hour yesterday morning fire broke out in the fine residence of Mr. Andrew Bale, Ladysmith, and before it could be extinguished the building and contents were reduced to a hopeless pile of ruins. The occupants who were asleep at the time were awakened by the smoke and just had time to escape. So quickly did the fire spread it was impossible to save a single article of the furniture although the firemen turned out promptly and put up a stiff fight, but the fire had gained too great a headway. The loss to the building and contents, estimated at $2,000 is covered by $1,000 insurance in the Phoenix of Brooklyn.

College Paper.—A paper to be called "The Camosun" is to be started by the pupils of the High School, and the first issue will appear in a few days. The staff in charge are as follows: Editor, G. Irving; assistant editor, L. P. Macrae; sporting editor, O. Finch; science editor, W. Wilby; literary editor, Miss Gladstone; society editor, Miss C. Green; artist, W. Rennells; business manager, H. Rogers; advertising manager, E. Spragge; reporters, Miss Baxter, Miss Sommerville, Miss Stare, Miss Basett, Miss Weir, Miss Croot, Miss Schwengers, Miss Carne, H. Angus, S. Okell, J. Dee, M. Thomas, R. Green, R. Hartman and H. Corbett. The enterprising staff intend to have 500 copies struck off for the first edition, and have already secured sufficient advertising to pay the expenses for the same. Copies will be sold at 10 cents each. The size of the paper will be limited to 16 pages. It will be published in pamphlet form and will have a neat cover designed by E. H. Russell, M. A.

Council Business.—At the meeting of the city council tomorrow evening the appointment of the returning officer for the coming election will very likely be made. At present there is a notice on the board over the signature of Ald. Stewart to this effect. Another notice has been posted by Ald. Fullerton, which is to the effect that a legal opinion be taken on the question of the right of the Esquimalt Water works company to charge a higher rate for water than is supplied in the city. This notice has been posted by Ald. Fullerton at the request of the water consumers of Victoria West. Another matter that is likely to come before the meeting is the recommendation from the legislative committee were in favor of a redistribution of the wards. At a meeting of this committee, which was held recently, the entire committee were in favor of a redistribution of the wards; and it is their intention to apply at the next session of the legislature for an amendment to the act establishing five wards to be represented by two aldermen from each ward, this, along with the mayor, making eleven on the board. Failing to secure the alteration to the act they will endeavor to have a plebiscite taken on the ward redistribution as arranged by City Assessor Northcott. Although it is not definite, it is very likely, that these matters will be taken up.

Maccabees Meeting.—Members of Queen Alexandra Hive, No. 11, L. O. T. M., are reminded that the postponed meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon December 18th., at 3 o'clock in the Knights of Pythias hall. A full attendance is required. One candidate will be initiated to membership.

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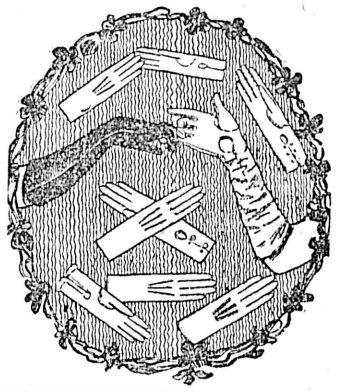

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If you would help to make the wrong
things right,
Begin at home; there lies a lifetime's
toil.
Weed your own garden, fair for all men's
sight,
Before you plan to till another's soil.

God chooses His own leaders in the world,
And from the rest He asks but willing
hands—
As mighty mountains into place are hurled,
While patient tides may only shape the
sands.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

In the entire United States the ratio of unionists to population is one to 20.

Peterboro, Ont., will spend $15,000 on waterworks, $3,385 on sewers, and $13,924 on granolithic sidewalks.

Leading Dauphin, Man., citizens have decided to establish a machine works in the city, capitalized at $25,000.

Fourteen hundred bleachery employees in Pawntucket, R. I., who struck three weeks ago, have returned to work.

A $10,000 public library will be erected in Belleville, Ont., in the spring. Mr. Henry Corby is the donor.

The Pittsburg Coal company, which has the contract to supply the fuel for the Canada Northern railway, is completing immense docks at Port Arthur.

Smelters at Trail, B.C., have had their hours reduced from 12 to 8 per day, accompanied by a slight reduction in wages.

Carmen on the eastern and western divisions of the Canadian Pacific railway have received a new schedule.

Journeymen tailors at Hamilton, Ont., have had their wages increased 7 per cent, after a strike for an increase of 10 per cent.

Following a walkout of 700 glasworkers, of Chicago, last week, their employers, the United Glass Manufacturers' Association met recently and decided to maintain "open shops" elsewhere.

The San Francisco, Cal., bricklayers have decided to defer immediate action on the proposition to establish a home for aged and disabled members.

The San Francisco Tanners' Union has decided to add a benevolent system to that organization. Hereafter members who may become sick or disabled will receive $5 per week.

The growth of trades unions in France during recent years has been very noticeable. Since 1898 the number of unions has doubled, and the membership has increased by 78 per cent.

Two hundred and eighty unions of the International Typographical Union have now signed agreements for the establishment of the eight-hour day, which is to be brought into force New Year's Day.

Miss Marie Corelli's name should be inscribed in the typographical hall of fame, for she admits being under a debt of gratitude to the intelligent compositor.

Printers at Calgary have had their hours reduced from 8½ to 8 per day for day work, and from 8 to 7½ for night work, the change going into effect at the end of last month.

Structural steel workers at Winnipeg, Man., have had their wages increased from a minimum of 25-30 cents to 37½ cents per hour. The change was granted after a strike.

A new wage scale, making an advance of $2.50 a week, (about 9½ per cent.) for skilled labor, has been agreed upon by the wage committee and executive board of the Amalgamated Window Glass Workers of America.

At Chatham, Ont., laborers are receiving from 15 to 17½ cents per hour, working 10 hours per day; last year the same rate prevailed, but only 9 hours per day were worked.

Iron molders of Lawrence, Mass., have secured the nine hour day with a minimum wage of $2.75 for molders and $2.50 for coremakers, after a long struggle.

A movement is on foot in Melbourne, Australia, typographical circles to endeavor to obtain a grant of land from the government whereon to build houses for aged and infirm printers, members of the Melbourne Typographical Society.

The strike of the cigarmakers at San Francisco to secure an increase in their schedule of prices has ended, the union having succeeded in securing the consent of all manufacturers to pay the new rates.

Mr. Seddon, premier of New Zealand, in the course of a speech, declared that the Japanese would not be allowed to come to New Zealand and the colony would refuse to be dictated to in the matter.

A call has been issued for the sixth annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor, to be held at Oakland, on January 1, 1906. The convention promises to be an event in the history of organized labor of California.

Eight hours are to hereafter constitute a day's work in the diamond cutting and polishing industry under an agreement reached recently by committees representing the Diamond Workers' Protective Union of America, and the Diamond Manufacturers' Association.

The Trades Unionists is the name of a new labor paper to be published monthly in the interests of the Trades Union Movement in Vancouver. From the first issue just to hand, we learn that "No Politics" is to be the battle cry of the new paper and advises the working men to have nothing to do with either party, but to fight for its own hand. The Trades Unionist does not jump off too ambitiously, and judging from its first effort it is meant to stay.

A newspaper writers' union has recently been organized in New York city. Joseph R. Buchanan, its president, is an old member of the Typographical Union, author of "The Story of the Labor Agitator," and is labor editor on one of the Hearst papers.

The fraternal order of Eagles gave a mammoth smoker to the local labor union at Grand Forks last week. There were over two hundred present. A great novelty on the programme for the evening was a sparring match between two smelter employees named Nelson and Bunting, who sparred a lively contest of three two-minute rounds, Bunting being declared an easy winner in the third round.

The herring fisheries of Nanaimo are attracting capital from other cities and by the time the season opens next year there will undoubtedly be two and possibly more additional plants working on Nanaimo herring, preparing them for the eastern market. Up to the present time only two companies have engaged in the herring industry on this side of the line, both with headquarters at Nanaimo. The advertising given the industry by the evidence placed before the fisheries commission has undoubtedly done a great deal to bring the possibilities of the herring industry to the front, and from present indications it looks as if Nanaimo would now become the Yarmouth of British Columbia.

Carriage workers at Guelph, Ont., had their hours changed from 58 to 59 per week on October 2, the men previously working 10½ hours per day on the first five days of the week, and 5½ hours on Saturday; under the new arrangement 10 hours per day are worked on the first five days of the week, and nine hours on Saturday.

The Canadian Labor Congress has seen to it that the attitude of the workingmen towards the tariff has been presented to the tariff commission, for at the Toronto meeting of the commission the solicitor of the congress, J. G. O'Donoghue, and James Simpson, stated clearly the position of the labor unions of Canada. They opposed increased protection to manufactures, claiming that the manufacturer made increased profits, but did not share equally with his employees. He devoted, they asserted, his surplus to a defence fund to keep down labor and for further investments.

The laboring men of England are dreading the approach of winter as the country is filled with unemployed men and even at best there will be an enormous amount of distress. A fund has started to alleviate the suffering as much as possible, known as the Queen Alexandra fund. To this fund money is pouring in from all parts of Great Britain and the colonies. In Toronto the mayor is receiving subscriptions for the fund. The question of the unemployed is one of the most serious and difficult problems England has had to face for a long time. The most obvious way of escape is assisted emigration, such as has received the mark of approval of Rider Haggard and General Booth. The distress will very probably result in a change in England's land laws. Back to the land is believed by many economists and humanitarians to be the only panacea for the present unfortunate state of affairs.

The two Winnipeg branches of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters have adopted a plan that might be followed with advantage by every union in the city. The societies have decided to hold through the winter a series of meetings, when political, social, labor and economic problems will be discussed. The next subject under discussion will be "The National Economic Aspects of Trades Unionism." The meeting will probably be held in Northwest hall.

Trade unionism in Germany has had its ups and downs. The movement began in 1865. In 1878, the "Socialist Law" was enacted, and it almost completely destroyed the trade union movement. In the middle of the eighties it again began, in spite of this law, which continued until 1890, the forming of trade unions. Local societies were established, which afterward united into national unions (Central-Verbande), and a federation of trade unions was created in 1890.

The British Columbia Electric Railway company paid another annual dividend to its employees last month. According to the terms of the profit-sharing system inaugurated by this company three years ago, employees were to receive one-third of the annual dividend in excess of the regular 4 per cent. dividend among the shareholders. Every man in the company's employ for one year previous to the distribution, is entitled to a share in the profits. The first bonus was paid in 1903, and amounted to $25 for each man. Last year a $35 bonus was paid and for this year the amount is $40. The aggregate sum distributed was $17,000 among 425 men, 111 of whom are employed on the Victoria system, the rest being employed at Vancouver and New Westminster.

The child-labor laws forbidding the employment of minors for more than a given number of hours, were upheld in the circuit court at Portland, by Judge Sears in the case of the state against John F. Shorey, of the City Messenger company. The district attorney filed a complaint against Shorey under the recently enacted law, which forbids the employment of persons under 16 years of age at any work before the hours of 7 in the morning or after 6 o'clock in the afternoon, or under any circumstances for a longer period than ten hours on any one day or more than six days in any one week. Shorey was accused of employing boys in his messenger service contrary to the provisions of the law. Its constitutionality was upheld by Judge Sears. The case will be appealed to the highest courts, as messenger companies all over the country are interested in the issue, as it is the general rule to employ minors in the work everywhere and the night service necessitates an infraction of such statutes as enacted in Oregon.

No fewer than 26,140 steam and sailing vessels are engaged in the fishing industry off the British coast. The greater share is owned in Scotland, but England has the greater number of steam trawlers, a class of vessels slowly but surely displacing the sailing vessel, though the steamers are cordially disliked by the sailors, who declare that they kill more fish than they catch. There are almost two thousand of these boats and as they are able to go a greater distance out and yet market their catch more promptly, there will come a time when the smack will be used only by those who expect to dispose of their catch in the immediate vicinity of their fishing grounds. The fisheries give employment to more than 100,000 men and boys, but the number will be decreased as time goes on and the steam vessel puts its weak opponent out of commission, and some of the papers affect to fear that the encroachment of the steam propelled fleet will entirely disorganize the business.

It was stated recently that Chinese laundries had been started at Manchester, England. An inquiry shows that there are about a hundred Chinese in the city solely engaged in the art of washing clothes. The yellow invasion is much larger and more serious in Liverpool and Birkenhead, where the floating and migratory population of Chinese is between one and two thousand. Many of the laundry proprietors speak pigeon English, but conduct business in their own language. Generally the Chinese conform to English customs, but in their own homes live as far as possible in Chinese fashion, dried fruits and dried foods of various kinds forming their favorite meals. Whatever else of native custom he relinquishes, every Chinaman retains his pigtail coiled about his head and hidden beneath his hat when out of doors, but let down freely indoors. Among the sailor classes there is much opium-smoking in private dens not far from seamen's haunts. In gambling, their favorite game, resulting sometimes in quarrels and assaults, is a kind of dominoes. A very popular sport is betting on the number of seeds to be found inside an orange.

Present indication, says the New York Herald, referring to the printers' strike for the closed shop, are that the union is beaten, and that ultimate victory will rest with the employers. Yet the union can point to a long string of successes, or apparent successes, and does not dream even of possible defeat. The managers of the Typothetae side of the contraversy, the Herald goes on, proved themselves as proficient in strategy and tactics as their opponents. They met the union's frontal attack by a flank movement. The union demand for eight hours was met by a declaration for the "open shop" on conditions then prevailing as to hours and wages. The "open shop" appeals to the public sense of fairness and to the by no means dormant sentiment in favor of individual liberty. Besides, there is behind it a very powerful organization of employers, with ramifications all over the country. These employers are customers of the employing book and job printers, and are also the men who furnish advertisements for the periodicals printed in the larger commercial offices. Heretofore these periodicals have been a great source of weakness to the master printers. These publications must come out at regular intervals, and their owners do not care much where they are printed, so long as the work is properly done. When threatened with a boycott as a consequence of being printed in a non-union office, the periodical publisher was likely to transfer his work to some office where peace reigned. The average publisher saw no reason why he should become mixed up in a fight with which he had no concern. At present, however, if a publisher yields to a boycott and transfers his patronage, he is likely to be called to account by his advertisers, and as a consequence is more willing to risk a slight loss in circulation than a certain loss of high priced advertising. The situation is rather unpleasant for the publisher, but it helps the master printer amazingly. It brings the strike back to its old status. It is simply the problem of securing competent workmen.

The following is an indication of the wages of women in big hotels: The employees in the linen room receive $20 a month, with room and board, and their hours are well regulated, in most of the large hotels. The parlor maid or maids come next on the salary list with $18, room and board, and the tips often bring this sum up to $30 or even $50, says Leslie's Weekly. The maid's duties are to keep the parlor swept and dusted, and herself tidy and ready to attend the women guests who desire her services. The chambermaids, bath room girls, paint cleaners and scrub women (of whom every hotel employs a small army) each receive $12. The work of the two last named is distinctly different. A scrub woman would not think of cleaning paint, and a paint cleaner would feel that she was demeaning herself in scrubbing the floor. Throughout the house the question of social distinction is argued, the maids feeling above the bath room girls, the parlor maid above the other maids, and the linen room girls above the parlor maids, and so on. Human nature is much the same the world over. In the parlance of hotel employees, scrub women are known as "soubrettes," the chamber maids as "the chorus," while the parlor maids are called "show girls." The "soubrettes" begin work at 1 o'clock in the morning, and scrub the floors, and go through the house with soap and hot water. At the Hotel Victoria (the exception among the various hotels mentioned) the employees are permitted to enter the help's dining hall at any time of the morning or afternoon between regular meals and have a cup of tea and a light lunch—a system which has much to do with the contentment reigning among employees of this establishment. The cost is only a trifle, and although the plan has been in operation for some time, those who enjoy its advantages do not abuse it.

Secretaries of labor unions will confer a favor upon the labor editor if they will forward any items of general interest occurring in their unions to The Colonist.

EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 15.—A heavy earthquake shock was felt here today.

PROSECUTING REBATERS.

Fourteen Indictments Returned in Kansas City by Grand Jury.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Fourteen indictments were returned by the federal grand jury here today against cotton carriers railway officials, shippers and freight agents, charging the giving of rebates and conspiracy to gain rebates.

HOW WHALER WAS TRAPPED.

Particulars of How Ship Bonanza Was Lost in Arctic Ocean.

A special despatch from Dawson, dated December 14 says: In the garb of an Eskimo, Captain Mogg of the whaler Bonanza arrived yesterday at noon from Eagle, in company with Marion, the mail contractor. The Bonanza was the only whaler that was lost. The others are in safe positions. The crews are all well. There is no particular shortage of food.

Captains Amundsen and Mogg left Herschel Island two months ago. Captain Mogg says the trip was made under the greatest difficulties. The travelers were forced to shoot game a week after leaving the ship. They made snowshoes from a pine tree with an axe.

St. Michael was the objective point, but they did not strike the Yukon above Fort Yukon. Indians along the road supplied them with food. Captain Amundsen will remain at Dawson until Sunday and will then leave for San Francisco and report to his home office.

The whaler Bonanza is a total loss. She was crushed by the ice.

AFTER HAIR SEALS.

Scottish Sealers Have Trying Voyage Off the Hebrides Islands.

Hunting for hair seals in the Hebrides is proving less profitable and more perilous each season. According to the Scottish papers, a party of nine fishermen from the village of Ness, Lewis, have had rather an exciting experience while in quest of seals. They went in an open boat to the solitary islet of North Rona, situated in the Atlantic over 40 miles from the Butt of Lewis and Cape Wrath, to capture seals in October. Stormy weather prevented their return, and a relief party in the cruiser Freya went after them and returned with them in safety. When the fishermen were found their provisions were exhausted, as well as the peat fuel they had taken with them, and they were able to maintain a fire only by burning the skins and the fat of the seals they had killed—a device practiced in the Arctic regions; 180 sealskins were brought back with them. The incident shows that seal hunting, which was practiced long ago on a large scale among the western islands of Scotland, still survives, but the value of the "industry" must now be comparatively insignificant, and it is noteworthy that the expedition had to go to remote Rona. This result is far from the large harvest of former years, when seal hunters in parties started in October each year and several hundreds were killed in one day. The females bring forth their young in October on the rocks and the hunters bar their escape, then kill the animale with clubs. The skins served, among other things, The Fish Trade says, to make ropes and girdles, its flesh was eaten fresh or after being preserved with the ashes of burnt seaweed, and the oil obtained from it was useful in a high degree. In some places curious customs existed in connection with seal hunting. The parish minister had his choice of the young seals, and the one he selected was called by the natives Cullen-mory, or the Virgin Mary's seal. The total seal catch of eight Scottish vessels netted 249 skins for this year.

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NOTICE

"Assessment Act, 1903."

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Sitting of the Court of Revision and Appeal for the Victoria Assessment District will be held at the Law Courts, Bastion Square, City of Victoria, on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1905, at ten o'clock a. m., to hear and determine all appeals arising out of the assessment for the year 1906 made under the heading of "Taxation of Corporations."

THOS. S. FUTCHER,
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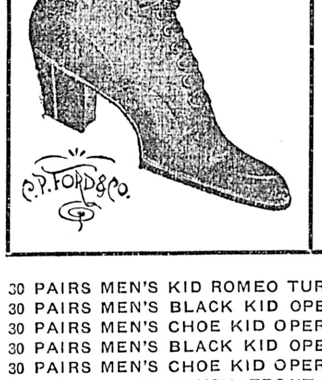

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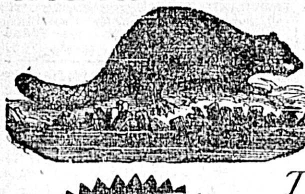

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PYRAMIDS OF OLD MEXICO

Stupendous Ruins Left by Race Antidating the Aztec.

About thirty miles southeast of the City of Mexico are the ruins of mighty pyramids, of temples and dwelling places of an ancient and almost unknown race who peopled the great tablelands of Mexico in the misty long ago.

For many centuries these ruins have been known by the name of Teotihuacan, which means "The habitation of the gods." Who were the architects of these vast works and the time of their building is at most an uncertain conjecture in view of the little exact data now obtainable. In the centuries that have gone by, time and the hand of man have conspired to destroy the immense pyramids and sacred structures so systematically built, until now there is little semblance of what was once a grand city of houses and temples. Undoubtedly more accurate knowledge of these ancient people could have been ascertained had not Cortez and his followers in their religious crusade been so blindly zealous in the broadside destruction of everything that appeared to them to pertain to the worship of things heathenish.

The ruins of Teotihuacan cover an area about three miles long from north to south by two miles wide, and consist of two large pyramids, numerous mounds ranging from mere markings to 75 feet in height, and a broad avenue leading lengthwise through the centre of the ruins. All of these works are laid out in regular order, evidently always having in view the cardinal points of direction and rectangular and triangular forms.

At the head and extreme north of the system is the second largest pyramid, which according to tradition was dedicated to the moon, and is called in the Aztec language Metztli Itzacual. This pyramid is rectangular and squared to the points of the compass. Its base measures 450 feet on each side and it is 137 feet high. At the present time it has a flattened top about 75 feet square, which is reached by an ancient zigzag stairway ascending on the eastern slope. This stairway is about six feet wide and makes four turns in the ascent. The steps are about eight inches high and of cut stone imbedded in a mixture of lime cement.

The pyramid seems to have been built in five uniform bodies or sections, the top of each being capped with a thick layer of concrete composed of lime, small particles of stone of about the firmness of ordinary sand, and a small quantity of broken rock ranging from half an inch to two inches in size. The scientific manufacture of this cement is noted by the absence of any appearance of dirt in the composition. The stairway is built in conformity with these sections and it makes a turn on the cement capping of each. A shrine for worship is supposed to have been erected on the summit.

Standing on the top and in the centre of the pyramid of the moon and looking directly south, one can behold the beautiful symmetry with which this city of the dead was constructed. Immediately in front of the pyramid a square is laid out equal to the size of the base of the pyramid, and which is flanked on the east and west sides by five pyramidal mounds called teocalli, an Aztec word meaning "house of God."

The centre teocalli of the five is the highest, the two on either side being of medium height and the outer two being the lowest, making the whole in uniformity. Behind these are two similar structures and similarly proportioned; still further behind these is a lone one in the centre, the eight thus being in the form of a triangle. In the centre of this square is a small teocalli, from which point the central avenue or "road of the dead" leads directly south to the extremity of the ruins. This road is about 65 feet wide and is lined with teocalli of various sizes.

At the left of the road of the dead and about three-quarters of a mile south of the pyramid of the moon is the colossal pyramid of the sun, or Tonatiuh Itzacual. This pyramid is rectangular, with equilateral sides facing the cardinal points of the compass. It is built in sections, has a zigzag stairway on the east side, a large flattened top, and is otherwise similar to the pyramid of the moon. Its base measures 690 feet on each side and it is 187 feet in height.

A just appreciation of the importance of the immense size of this pyramid is better understood when compared with that celebrated wonder of the world, the pyramid of Cheops, which is only 56 feet larger at its base, it being 746 feet square. It is said that in ancient times the sun was endowed by a temple in which there was a colossal statue of the presiding deity—sun—made of one block of stone and facing the east.

An antiquary of the early seventeenth century speaks of seeing fragments of the statue still standing. Whether it was of Aztec or more ancient origin will probably never be known, as Cortez and his followers, imbued with the fanatical zeal of the time, made diligent search for and destroyed everything that appeared to be a part of pageantry, and if any monument did escape their notice, little chance did it have from the onslaught of the indefatigable iconoclast, Bishop Zumarraga, who followed in a later religious campaign.

Cortez has not left a single line concerning these monuments, though he passed in full view of them in his retreat in the year 1520, from Tenachitlan, or what is now the City of Mexico. Here it was that Cortez mentions that his army appeared as "an island in the middle of the sea," being surrounded by 200,000 Aztec warriors, whom he defeated with a slaughter of 20,000, and here it was that he found the plains called Tlascala, or "the land of bread," so named on account of the abundance of corn raised in that country.

The teocalli are supposed to have been dedicated to the stars. They are found in regular systems over the entire area, the most important being those composing the elaborate works of the collection called the "citadel" and those lining the sides of the road of the dead. The former is at the extreme south of the ruins and covers an area of about 2,000 feet by 600 feet.

Among the ruins and for miles around the earth is filled with numberless pieces of pottery obsidian knives and spears, jade and stone beads, burnt clay images, large quantities of human heads, many with elaborate head dresses, very similar to the ancient Egyptian decorations, and representations of animals, such as monkeys, frogs, snakes, cattle, etc. These images are found so plentifully that the writer recently bought a large number for a cent apiece from the Indian children living there.

Probably many of these images are not of more ancient origin than the time of the earlier Aztecs, as the features delineated show the Aztec aquilian nose and other well-known marks, but it is noticeable that there are other images showing sharp noses and different features, indicating that the latter were modeled from another race of people antedating the advent of the Aztec tribes.

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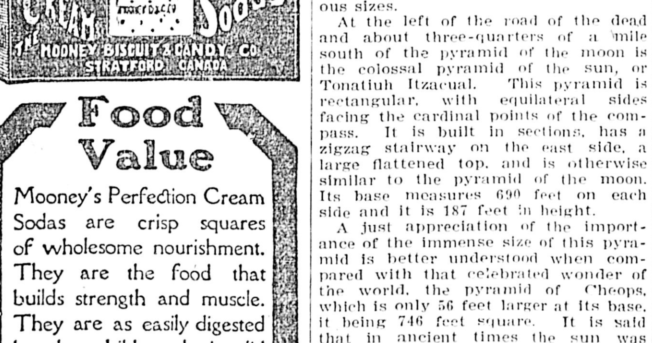

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A stove that is expected to prove of great assistance not only to miners, but also to householders, has recently been patented by Mr. Arnald of this city, lately of Kamloops. The stove is made of sheet-iron and is so constructed that it may be taken in to any place without the least trouble. The stove may be made any size and has the advantage of being able to be used for a cooking stove or heater. In the latter case it is only necessary to open a draft and a door and all the comforts of an open fire are secured, without the least sign of smoke. This latter point is partly obtained by a four-inch iron hearth. The stove has three drafts, which makes it a very easy stove to get going, and it is also very easy on fuel.

It is claimed for the stove that a fire may be kept going for twelve hours without the least attention being given to it. It is made to burn either wood or coal and consumes its own ashes, making not more than a quart a week.

Mr. Arnald says that the invention is not the result of accident, but of years of study and experience on the stock ranch, in the hunter's camp and around the branders' camps of the Northwest, also ideas from the cotton states, where every home has an open fire.

With these experiences Mr. Arnald has given the public a stove which combines the qualities of a cooking stove and the cheerfulness of an open fire.

Speaking of his invention, Mr. Arnald says that it will be of great benefit to the working class of Canada, being capable of throwing out a great heat in all directions, not only from the sides but from the bottom of the stove as well. It has a very good ventilation and gives a quick service, and is estimated to save at least 10 per cent. in butchers' bills, as well as a saving in fuel. It has a properly ventilated oven which is always kept at an even temperature, which makes it possible to cook meat without burning the fat, thereby making the meat thoroughly digestible.

Mr. Arnald has been in the Northwest for 27 years, having arrived in Manitoba in 1878, making the trip overland from Windsor, Ont. The following year he continued his journey further west, and along with his family took up his home in Alberta. Since that time Mr. Arnald has been ranching and still owns a 500-acre ranch near Kamloops. He is very enthusiastic over his latest patent, and is looking to the time when the golden shekels will commence to run into his coffers.

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POULTRY SHOW.

Arrangements for the Annual Exhibition Early in January Next.

Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock association will hold its annual show, 10th to 13th of January, 1906. Arrangements are being made with the expectations of a larger show than ever before. Six hundred entries were made last year but more are expected this. Many new exhibitors are promising to show large numbers of birds. This year birds comprising a breeding pen will be shown together and judged by comparison as a breeding pen. The bird, three females and one male, forming the pen, to be distinctly specified by the exhibitor. Birds in pens may be entered individually in the respective class. All judging apart from pens will be by score as usual.

The special prizes this year are more and better than ever, which is saying a good deal, as the Victoria show is voted for its generous "specials" or perhaps it should be said Victoria merchants most generous in donating specials.

His honor, the lieutenant governor offers a special prize of ten dollars for the largest and best exhibit owned and exhibited by any one exhibitor.

Many more such generous prizes are offered by citizens whose names will appear in the catalogue which will now be ready in about a week.

Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, who is to judge the show is most favorably spoken of by all the leading poultry men on the coast. Mr. Dixon was superintendent of the poultry exhibit at the Lewis & Clark centennial. Any one desiring information as to the show can obtain it from any of the members of the association or Mr. Jamieson, the secretary, 71 Fort street.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE

December.

(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date	Time h. m.	Ht. ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.
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2	0:53	1.8	9:38	8.4	....	..	....	..
3	1:39	2.6	9:58	8.4	....	..	....	..
4	2:25	3.5	10:09	8.3	19:05	5.3	21:18	5.4
5	3:12	4.2	10:26	8.3	19:00	4.6	....	..
6	0:08	5.5	3:59	5.0	10:48	8.3	19:08	4.0
7	2:25	5.9	4:47	5.7	11:13	8.4	19:25	3.4
8	3:38	6.4	5:37	6.3	11:40	8.5	19:48	2.8
9	4:33	6.8	6:26	6.7	12:08	8.7	20:16	2.3
10	5:19	7.2	7:12	7.0	12:35	8.8	20:47	1.8
11	5:57	7.5	7:56	7.3	12:58	8.8	21:20	1.4
12	6:34	7.7	8:39	7.6	13:17	8.9	21:55	1.2
13	7:14	7.9	9:24	7.8	13:35	8.8	22:32	1.2
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The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th medidian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

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Legislative Assembly

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NOTICE

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the 22nd day of January, 1906.

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Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 8th day of February, 1906.

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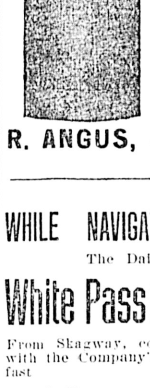

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Great Development Work Being Done and the Future Exploitation Plans.

News of the completion of the highest upraise in the history of mining was received westerday by the president of the Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company, of New York, who is at the Hotel Vancouver, says the News-Advertiser. This company has large and valuable properties near Juneau, Alaska, where extensive development work has been carried on and much money spent.

In September last Mr. S. A. Lamert, one of the editors of the Financial News of London, England, visited the mines of Southeastern Alaska and on his return expressed his opinions in an interview published in this paper of the great mines of southeastern Alaska. Mr. Lamert devoted considerable time in examining the Alaska-Treadwell mine on Douglas Island and the other mines worked and controlled by the Treadwell company on the island and on the mainland in Silver Bow Basin. He was greatly pleased at the work done in these mines, as they are all low-grade mines and large dividend payers, some of them having been worked for a great many years.

In his article he stated that the mine which attracted his attention most was the

Alaska-Perseverance Mine

owned and operated by the Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company of New York. He described the miner-like way in which the work had been done in the mine and the first-class machinery and buildings which were erected at the works. He described also the Alexander tunnel which was run cutting the various lodes and bodies of ore in the mine and described the great upraise being made between the Alexander tunnel and the surface, 920 feet, up on the perpendicular.

Mr. W. J. Sutherland, president of the company, with Mr. Joseph T. Gilbert and Mr. Peter P. Pope, directors of the company, are now in the city, having come west on a visit to various mining properties in which they are interested.

The president yesterday received the following cable from Juneau, Alaska:

"December 12, 1905.

"Holed through with six-foot drill from the top of the upraise to the surface last night.

"J. R. MITCHELL,
"Superintendent."

Mr. Sutherland gave some interesting information regarding the property to a News-Advertiser reporter last evening. This upraise was started at a point 2,140 feet east of the mouth of the Alexander tunnel to the surface of the mountain above. It goes up through very large ore bodies assaying from a few cents to several dollars per ton. It is the

Highest Upraise Ever Made

by any mining company, being 15x8 feet, and took upwards of two years to complete. It is arranged not only for ventilating the mine, but also that levels can be run from it into the ore on all sides.

The mines of the Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company were first located about the year 1887. The original locators formed two small companies which were afterwards merged in the Wisconsin Mining & Manufacturing Company. In 1889 this company completed a ten-stamp mill, and between 1889 and 1893 made several test runs in this mill, reducing 8,129 tons of ore as taken out of the mine. The returns show the net value of the ore to have been $4.00 per ton. As no waste dump has been left it is evident that all the material taken from the excavations, opening and workings had been worked. These statistics are verified by the sales made out to the United States mill and the Selby Smelting Works, of bullion reduced.

The mill of the Wisconsin company was destroyed by a snow slide about the year 1896 and the property was thereafter purchased by Mr. Joseph T. Gilbert, one of the original shareholders of the company. Mr. Gilbert consolidated with the claims of the Wisconsin Company and others adjoining them and acquired valuable water rights, thus making the group one of the

Largest and Best in Alaska

He put in a large amount of money in exploiting the property, under the advice of one of the United States deputy surveyors of Alaska and a former employee of the Alaska Treadwell Company, who were not experienced in mining operations. They failed to show up any continuous ore bodies, although they cut five veins giving good values. Mr. Gilbert closed down operations on the property in 1899, intending to resume work at a later date. In 1901 Mr. W. J. Sutherland, a practical operator, acquired control of the properties and arranged to thoroughly develop the same. He bought the property on the representations made to him by a United States deputy mineral surveyor, whom he had known for a long time, and from a statement made by one of the foremen who had previously worked in the mine.

After his arrangements were completed for acquiring the property he organized the Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company of New York and conveyed his interests to that company. The statement on which he bought the property showed that very large bodies of ore existed in the outcroppings on the surface of the mine which were ready to be reduced as soon as the mill could be completed. Believing the statements, Mr. Sutherland contracted to sell a large number of the shares of the company to friends of his for working capital. After making the contracts of sale his friends were invited to make an independent examination of the property for themselves. He went to Alaska to look over the property and prepared to meet the engineers who would be sent up to make the examination. After inspecting the property for a number of days he inquired from the parties who made the statements where he could find the

Large Ore Bodies

which they stated were in the outcroppings ready to be milled. They told him they never saw any, had never been over the outcroppings, before his arrival, but that previous prospectors informed them that such bodies existed. He knew that any engineer would be bound to turn down the property as they could not confirm the statements made. After considerable difficulty Mr. Sutherland prevented an examination of the property by the engineers selected, and the examinations were postponed for the time being.

The directors of the AlaskaPerseverance Mining Company then instructed their superintendent to put up the necessary buildings for their workmen and to drive the Alexander tunnel as fast as possible. Work was started on this tunnel in November 1901, and was run by hand drills in the winter of 1901 and 1902. In the summer of 1902 a compressor and power drills were installed. By November, 1903, the tunnel, 8x7 feet, was driven 2,450 feet, cross-cutting the various ore bodies, showing on the surface in the Perseverance claims at a depth of 920 feet, on the perpendicular below the surface. The first 900 feet from the mouth of the tunnel showed very little ore, the average assay value of the ore assayed being about 30 cents per ton.

After the tunnel reached a point 1,800 feet southeast of its mouth it intersected

A Large Continuous Ore Body

which it cross-cut for over 300 feet. This ore body gave an average assay value of about $4 per ton. The Alexander tunnel is a cross-cut tunnel, and after passing through the ore bodies referred to was driven into the foot-wall to prove the same a distance of 200 feet. This tunnel was started from Silver Bow Basin, 1,379 feet above Gastineaux channel, and 270 feet above Silver Bow Basin, at a point where all buildings would be protected from snow slides. Development work was prosecuted continuously by the Alaska-Perseverance Company from 1901 to the present time. Now that the upraise has been completed it is admitted that one of the greatest ore bodies in the world has been proven to extend along the foot-wall belt. It is estimated that many millions of tons of ore are exposed and ready to be sent to the mill.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

December 15, 1905.

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Irving.)

Cheney vs. Harrison.—The taking of evidence, and the argument in this case were concluded and judgment reserved, but it is understood that the parties subsequently came together and effected a settlement satisfactory to both sides.

Mr. McPhillips, K. C., and Mr. Heisterman for plaintiff; Mr. Helmcken, K. C., for defendant.

(Before His Honor Judge Lampman.)

Collinson vs. Wetmore.—In this case, the particulars of which have already been published at length and in which the decision was reserved after the hearing, His Honor today gave judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of $225 and costs.

Mr. Walls for plaintiff; Mr. Tait, (McPhillips and Heisterman) for defendant.

Anti-Tuberculosis Society.—There will be an adjourned meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis association, held in the city hall, on Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance, as the officers for the coming year will be elected, and other matters of importance will be before the meeting. All who are interested in this work, will be heartily welcomed.

THE CITY CHURCHES

Christ Church Cathedral.

Services: Holy communion at 8 a. m.; morning service and ante-communion at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7 p. m. Preacher, Canon Beanlands.

The following is the music:

Morning.

Voluntary—Allegretto	Guilmant
Venite	Crotch
Psalms for 17th Morning	Cath. Psalter
Te Deum	Woodward
Benedictus	Langdon
Kyrie	Harpley
Gloria	Russell
Hymns	50, 268, 203
Voluntary—March	Mendelssohn

Evening.

Voluntary—Aria	Dithler
Processional Hymn	215
Psalms for 17th Evening	Cath. Psalter
Magnificat	Bridge
Nunc Dimitis	Thorne-Harris
Hymns	47, 51, 49
Vesper Hymn—"Jesu, We Pray"	Armitage
Recessional Hymn	274
Voluntary—Fantasia	Hammerel

St. John's.

The Rev. Percival Jenns will preach in the morning and the Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard in the evening.

The following is the music:

Morning.

Organ—"Comfort Ye"	Handel
Venite	Crotch
Psalms for 17th Morning	Cath. Psalter
Benedicite	Maunder
Jubilate	Hayes
Hymn	50
Kyrie	Burnett
Gloria Tibi	Burnett
Hymn	463, 226
Organ—"Let All the Angels"	Handel

Evening.

Organ—Meditation	Dubois
Psalms for 17th Evening	Cath. Psalter
Magnificat	Batishill
Nunc Dimittis	Felton
Hymns	53, 49, 23
Vesper	Burnett
Organ—Postlude	Mailly

St. James'.

Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy communion at 8, matins, ante-communion service and sermon at 11, evensong and sermon at 7.

The music follows:

Morning.

Organ	Voluntary
Venite and Psalms	Cathedral Psalter
Benedicite	Skeffington
Benedictus	Langdon
Kyrie	Sullivan
Hymns	205, 47
Organ	Voluntary

Evening.

Organ	Voluntary
Psalms	Cathedral Psalter
Cantate	Woodward
Deus Misereatur	Lyttleton
Hymns	51, 52, 23
Metrical Litany	463
Vesper Hymn	M. S.
Organ	Voluntary

St. Barnabas'.

There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins at 10:30; cholal eucharist with sermon at 11; choral evensong at 7. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller being the preacher for the day. Morning subject, "The Supernatural Power of the Soul." Evening subject, "The Ministry." All seats are free.

The musical arrangements are as follows:

Morning.

Organ—Pastorale in G	Smart
Comunion Service	Simper in D
Hymns	47, 322, 53
Offertory Anthem	Barnby
Nunc Dimitis	St. John
Organ—"And He Shall Purify"	Handel

Evening.

Organ—Andante in G	Tietz
Psalms	Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat	Macfarren
Nunc Dimittis	Felton
Hymns	203, 50, 13
Litany	463
Organ—Postlude in F	Rinck

First Presbyterian

Dr. Campbell, the pastor of the church, will preach at both services, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. respectively. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service, with the Rev. Dr. Reid assisting. Junior Christian Endeavor Society meets at 10 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m.

Music as follows:

Morning.

Psalm	76
Hymns	23, 421, 423
Solo	Mrs. Wm. Gregson

Evening.

Hymns	220, 560, 360, 501
Anthem—"I wait for Thy Loving Kindness"	Radford

St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

Pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The preacher both morning and evening will be the Rev. Dr. Fraser of the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver. Sunday school at 2:30; Bible class at 3.

The music is as follows:

Morning.

Voluntary—Andante in G	Bach
Psalm	19
Anthem—"O Come, Let Us Worship"	Himmel
Soprano Obligato, Miss Bishop.	
Hymns	175, 187
Voluntary—Offertoire	Barnby

Evening.

Voluntary—Chant Seriphique	Maunder
Psalm	24
Anthem "The Sun Shall Be No More"	Woodward
Hymns	77, 366
Solo—"Rest"	Sheldon
Miss Bernice Scowcroft.	
Voluntary—"Triumphal March"	Merkel

Church of Our Lord.

Services conducted and sermons preached morning and evening by Rev. T. W. Gladstone. Morning subject, "The Gospel to Abraham." Evening, "A Lesson From the Farm." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at evening service. Bible class at 2:45; Sunday school at 3; Thursday evening service at 8.

Morning.

The following is the music:

Organ—Meditation	Flagler
Venite and Psalms as Set	Cath. Psalter
Benedictus	4
Hymns	309, 584, 367
Organ—Fugata	A. Redhead

Evening.

Organ—Reverie	Flagler
Psalms as Set	Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat	Turner
Nunc Dimittis	Turner
Hymns	377, 136, 538
Doxology	X

Metropolitan Methodist.

Missionary Sunday. The Rev. W. E. Pescott, B. A., the popular pastor of Wesley church, Vancouver, will preach the annual missionary sermons at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. A splendid musical programme will be given by the choir. Classes at 10 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.; Spring Ridge Sunday school at 2:45 p. m. Everybody welcome to all the services.

Victoria West Methodist.

Services as usual today at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Mr. Wm. Marchant will have charge of the morning service and preach. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. McIntyre, will preach. Subject, "Decision." Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

James Bay Methodist.

Services will be held as usual today at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. R. J. McIntyre, will have charge of the morning service, and one of the local preachers union will take charge of the evening sevice. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Strangers welcomed to any of these services.

Centennial Methodist.

The services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Morning subject, "The Power of God Unto Salvation;" evening, "To Seek and Save the Lost."

Musical service as follows:

Morning.

Anthem—"Te Deum"	Woodward

Evening.

Anthem—"Ye Shall Dwell in the Land"	Stainer
Solo—"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"	F. W. Perry
Miss Kayton.	

First Congregational.

Divine worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A. Morning subject, "The Power of a Noble Enthusiasm." Evening, "Five Living Forces—A Living Sacrifice." Sabbath school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. Society at 8:15. All seats free. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Emmanuel Baptist.

Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin, B. A., pastor. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bible school at 2:30 p. m. The subjects for the day's consideration are "Christ and the Children," a special Sunday school sermon, and "The Joy of Heaven," a talk with our own hearts. All welcome.

Calvary Baptist.

Rev. F. T. Tapscott, M. A., pastor, will preach. Morning subject, "Reclaiming the Erring Brother." Evening, "Talents and Opportunities." Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30; B. Y. P. U. Monday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8.

Burnside Baptist.

Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30; Evening service at 7. Speaker, Mr. J. Haines.

W. C. T. U. Mission.

A mass meeting is to be held at the W. C. T. U. Mission at 8:30 tonight. All welcome. Come and bring some one with you.

Y. M. C. A.

"Wanted—A Man," address to men by Rev. R. J. McIntyre. Mr. C. A. Steele will sing. Meeting at 4 o'clock. All men welcome.

Universal Brotherhood.

The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society Centre, No. 87, holds a public meeting at 28 Broad street every Sunday evening at 8 p.m., when short addresses are given and questions answered.

Seventh Day Adventist.

In the above church, 231 Pandora avenue, there will be preaching, commencing at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Beast Power of Revelations, 12 and 13, and Its Mark or Sign.

Christadelphians.

Bible lecture, A. O. U. W. hall, at 7 p. m. Subject, "Salvation, What Is It?"

SICK HEADACHE

Many varieties of headache exist, those most prevalent being sick or bilious headache, nervous headache, headache from constipation, etc.

Headache is an effect of disease, the cry of the suffering body for relief from some oppressing disorder.

Undoubtedly the cause must be removed in order to cure the headache permanently. Wrong action of the stomach, liver or bowels is responsible for nine out of ten cases of headache.

In sick headache (a very common form) there is sometimes nausea and vomiting and usually constipation.

In nearly all forms of headache

Burdock Blood Bitters

has proved itself a specific—a medicine that has cured where all others failed.

Keep the stomach, liver and bowels in perfect working order by the use of nature's regulator and tonic, Burdock Blood Bitters, which cures all forms of headache by removing the cause.

Miss L. Smith, Morrisburg, Ont., writes: "I desire to let you know how much good Burdock Blood Bitters has done for me. I was troubled with headaches all the time, and could get no relief, until a friend told me of your Burdock Blood Bitters. After taking two bottles of it, I can say that I am completely cured."

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Grand Forks District.
Highway Bridge Over the Kettle River, Carson, B. C.

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Carson Bridge," will be received at the Department of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to noon of the 23rd of December, 1905, for the erection and completion of a wooden bridge over the Kettle River, at Carson, B. C.

Drawings, specifications and conditions of tendering and contract may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B. C., and at the office of the Government Agent, Grand Forks, B. C., on and after the 11th instant.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in the sum of $200, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract. The successful tenderer will be required to furnish bonds himself and two sureties, satisfactory to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of $1,000 each. Upon the execution of the bonds the cheque above mentioned will be returned to the contractor.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 4th December, 1905.
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NOTICE

The Sanitary Feather Works, corner Fort and Blanchard Streets, have no agents soliciting for work, and are responsible only for orders given direct to Hurd & Ward, proprietors. Phone 392.

NOTICE

Re Municipal Elections Act, and Amendment Act, 1905.

The attention of persons wishing to qualify as "Householders" or "License-holders" at the Municipal Election to be held in January, 1906, is called to the fact that forms of declaration may be obtained and the necessary declaration made at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street, within office days and office hours, between, and including, December 1 and December 30 proximo.

Attention is also called to the following provision of Section 3. of the said Act, namely: "No declaration shall be accepted by the Clerk unless it be delivered within 48 hours after it is made: Provided all declarations shall be delivered before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the day on which the list is closed by the Clerk." Hence, Justices of the Peace, and other authorized persons, before whom the declarations will be made, are respectfully requested to NOTE THEREON THE HOUR, AS WELL AS THE DATE, when such declarations are made before them.

As the 31st day of December, 1905, is Sunday, in order to fulfil the requirements of Section 4 of the said Act, the voters' list will be closed on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1905, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

By Order of the Municipal Council.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.
Victoria, B. C., November 29, 1905. n30

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of John Humphreys, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all creditors of the Estate of the said deceased are required on or before the 9th day of January, 1906, to send particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, solicitors for Thomas A. Wood and Henry Evans Evans, executors of the said estate; and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

DATED at Victoria, B. C., this 30th day of November, 1905.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said Executors. d1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

No. 1. Commencing at a post on the Southeast end of Seymour Inlet, thence 60 chains East, thence 80 chains North, thence 100 chains West, thence 40 chains South, thence following the shore line Easterly and Southerly to the point of commencement.

No. 2. Commencing at a post located at the Northwest corner of No. 1, thence 160 chains West, thence 40 chains South to the shore line of said Seymour Inlet, thence Easterly along the shore line 160 chains to the West boundary of No. 1, thence 40 chains North to the point of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post on the North shore line of said Seymour Inlet, marked "L. A.," thence 60 chains West, thence 80 chains South, thence 100 chains East to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains Westerly and Northerly along said shore line to the point of commencement.

No. 4. Commencing at a post planted on the North shore line of Seymour Inlet, thence 80 chains North, thence 80 chains West, thence 80 chains South to the Northeast corner of No. 3, thence 80 chains Easterly along the shore line of said Inlet to the place of commencement.

Dated 11th December, 1905.
d14 JOHN C. SWEET.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to revive, ratify and confirm the Cowichan-Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company Act, and extending the time for commencing construction of the said railway, and of expending ten per cent. of the Company's capital thereon, and to empower the Company to extend its railway from any point on its line to the City of Victoria, or to any point on Esquimalt Harbor; or in the alternative to incorporate a Company to build the line of railway set out in the Act of Incorporation of the said Company, with the extension hereinbefore mentioned, and with all the powers contained in the Model Railway Bill.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 22nd November, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON,
n25 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of License Commissioners at the next sitting for a transfer of the Liquor License for the sale of Wines and Liquors by retail on the premises known as the Commercial Hotel, corner of Douglas and Cormorant streets, in the city of Victoria, to Charles Stewart.

ARTHUR GRICE.
November 15, 1905. n16

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting for a transfer of the license to retail wines, spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the Goldstream Hotel, Goldstream, B. C., to Arthur Slater.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1905.

WILLIAM MONTEITH,
n12 Assignee of the Downs Estate.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for an act incorporating a Company with power to carry on the business of Life Insurance; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Dated 30th November, 1905.

EBERTS & TAYLOR,
n30 Solicitors for Applicant.

FOR SALE

939 Shares Victoria Sealing Co., Ltd.

Par value of $12.50 per share (either whole or in part).

Sealed tenders for the above shares will be received by the Bank of Montreal, Victoria, up till 3 o'clock on Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1905.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. J. C. GALLETLY,
d16 Manager Bank of Montreal.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Grand Forks District.
Highway Bridge Over the Kettle River, Carson, B. C.

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Carson Bridge," will be received at the Department of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to noon of the 26th of December, 1905, for the wrought and cast iron work necessary for a bridge over the Kettle River, at Carson, B. C.

Drawings, specifications and conditions of tendering and contract may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B. C., and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Court House, Vancouver, B. C., on and after the 7th instant.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the sum of $300, as security for the due fulfilment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 4th December, 1905.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertakings of the Vancouver and Coast Kootenay Railway Company; the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company; the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company, and the Midway and Vernon Railway Company; and to acquire all the rights, powers and privileges of the said Companies; and with power to exercise all the powers contained in the Acts of Incorporation of the said Companies; and with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertaking of any other Railway Company or Companies; and with power to subscribe for and purchase the stock, bonds, debentures or other securities of any Railway Company; and to exchange the stock or other bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company to be incorporated for the shares, stock, debentures, bonds or other securities of any other Railway Company; and with power to increase the capital of the Company to be incorporated; and with power to issue shares as fully paid up; and to borrow money on the Company's assets by any form of security; and with power to promote any Railway Company or Companies, or to amalgamate with any Company or Companies; and with all the other and necessary powers conducive to the carrying out of the Company's undertaking.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 22nd day of November, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON,
n25 Solicitors for the Applicants.

HOTEL DIRECTORY

VICTORIA

COMMERCIAL HOTEL—118 Douglas St. Rooms to let for housekeeping from $1 up.

THE DOMINION—Victoria, B. C. Only modern first-class hotel in the city. Rates $1.50 per day and upwards. S. Jones, proprietor.

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HOTEL SIDNEY — Only seventeen miles from Victoria. One of the most attractive resorts on Vancouver Island; good roads, fine boating, two-mile beach, view unsurpassed. Hotel rates, $1.50 per day. William Jensen, proprietor.

GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL—Corner Johnson and Store streets. Bar supplied with best brands of wines, liquors and cigars. Good rooms in connection. Open day and night. Lorenzo Reda, proprietor.

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HOTEL COLONIAL—Opposite Court House. Best hotel in town. Rates from $1.50 up John M. Insley, proprietor.

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HOTEL METROPOLE—The most convenient to business centre, theatres, wharves and depots. Recently renovated and reconstructed. American and European plans. The place to meet your "up-country" friends. George L. Howe, proprietor. s23

HOTEL ST. ERMIN—Corner of Hastings and Abbott; a new, modern hotel, splendidly appointed and furnished. European plan. Rooms 75c. to $2.50 per day. Special rates by week. Cafe in connection. Headquarters for tourists. Mrs. L. T. Carroll, proprietress. s17

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HOTEL DOMINION—Abbott Street, Vancouver, B. C. Convenient to railway and wharves. Rates, $1.25, $1.50. Free 'bus to and from all trains and boats. F. Baynes, proprietor.

HOTEL LELAND — Corner Granville and Hastings streets; one block from depot and steamship wharves; $2 a day.

HOTEL NORTH VANCOUVER—New and up-to-date; rates $2.00 a day. Special rates for families and regular boarders. Finest summer resort on the Coast. Ferry service every hour to and from this hotel, foot of Carrall street. P. Larson, Proprietor. my12

BADMINTON HOTEL—American plan, $2.00 upwards. Free Bus meets all trains and boats. No charge for baths. Phone in each room. Barber shop, etc. J. W. Wallis, Prop. o12

STRAND HOTEL—European and American plans. Rates moderate. First-class rooms and cafe in connection. One block from depot and steamboat wharves.

HOTEL BLACKBURN—A. E. Blackburn, proprietor. Rates per day: American Plan, $1.25 to $1.75; European Plan, rooms only, 50c., 75c., $1.00. Westminster and city trams pass door; electric light throughout. Free 'bus to and from hotel. Telephone 807. 318 Westminster avenue, Vancouver, B. C. o15

MELBOURNE HOTEL—John Gaugler, Proprietor. Rates, $1.00 per day up. Special rates to steady boarders. New and up to date; steam heated and electric light; excellent table. Guests receive every attention. Cars to all parts of the city pass the door. Telephone 1808. Corner Westminster avenue and Powell street, Vancouver, B. C. o15

THE DOUGALL HOUSE—Hotel Rooms, Dining and Grill Rooms. American and European Plans Popular prices. 310 to 322 Abbott street. D. Burton, prop. o15

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HOTEL BALMORAL—The leading hotel of Boundary's leading mining camp; centrally located; good sample rooms. J. A. McMaster, proprietor. au15

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Best commercial house in town; good sample rooms.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Home for all people traveling to and from Poplar. McLachlan Bros., proprietors.

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C. P. R. HOTEL—Popular resort for tourists Good boating and fishing. F. W. Padmore, proprietor.

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CALGARY, ALBERTA.

VICTORIA HOTEL—Headquarters for British Columbians; European and American plans; the most modern hotel in Calgary. Adams & Peers, proprietors. au26

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HUME HOTEL—The leading commercial house of the Kootenays. F. Hume, proprietor.

STRATHCONA HOTEL — Strictly first class; headquarters for tourists doing British Columbia. B. Tompkins, manager.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Headquarters for the prospectors and miners of the Similkameen. Rates $8 per week; board and room, $1.50 per day. H. W. Yates, proprietor.

HOTEL SIMILKAMEEN—The largest and most modern hotel in the Similkameen; all conveniences, electric light, telephone, baths, etc.; sample rooms. Rates $2.50 per day. A. McDermott, proprietor. jy30

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SPOKANE HOTEL—L. E. Salter, proprietor. The largest and most centrally located hotel in Midway. Rates, $1.00 to $2.00. Sample rooms. Free bus. au20

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HOTEL WILSON—Under new management; fire-proof, modern and strictly first class. Rates $2 per day. Good sample rooms. Free bus. Baths free to guests. Jas. R. McKinrell, proprietor, Commercial street, Nanaimo, B. C. Phone 83 Nanaimo-Alberni mail stage leaves hotel on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p. m. n18

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FREDERICK ST.—Nice sunny lot, 45x135. $750. Terms.

ANOTHER ISLAND—Contains 65 acres, 6 acres cultivated, 20 acres in pasture; 8 roomed house, many outbuildings. $2,500. Steam launch, etc., for sale also.

$500—Two lots, Heywood avenue, adjoining the Park; 60x120 each; rich black loam and under cultivation.

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FOR SALE—7 roomed modern dwelling, just off car line; sewer connections, bath and stable; good cellar; fruit trees, etc. Terms $1,350.

FOR SALE—Government street, near the Fountain, lots from $500 up. Easy terms.

FARM FOR SALE—300 acres, 90 under cultivation, balance rough grazing; all necessary buildings; 25 head cattle, 6 good horses, farming implements, etc., etc.; only 11 miles from Victoria. This is a first class farm in every respect, and pays well.

$1,250 will buy a 4 roomed modern cottage and lot within 5 minutes' walk of centre of city. Terms.

WATER LOT—$800 will buy a water lot on St. Lawrence street, James Bay.

$1,000—Two lots, $1,000 each, near Douglas street and C. P. R. hotel.

$700—Lot Humboldt street, 60x120.

GORGE ROAD—Close in piece of land equal to 5 lots, for $1,000.

$400—Lot on Toronto street, near Menzies. Can have sewer connection.

VICTORIA WEST—$1,300—5 roomed cottage; electric light, etc., large corner lot, with orchard. Easy terms.

CHEAP BUSINESS LOT—Lot corner Government and Pembroke streets, for sale cheap, to close an estate.

FIFTH ST.—$150. 2 lots 60x135 each; no rock; nicely situated. $150 each.

$100 CASH and $25 per month will buy a good $3,000 2 storey dwelling, with basement, brick and stone foundation, and all modern improvements.

CHEAP LOTS—Fairfield Estate. $100 for lots 50x120; water lots $200 each. $10 cash. $10 per month; interest 4 per cent. only; best of soil.

JAMES BAY—Full sized lots, $400 each; well located. $50 cash, $10 per month.

SIMCOE ST.—Lot 60x240, all cleared, excellent soil; only $800.

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ACREAGE BARGAINS—5 acres, all cleared and fenced; also 7 acres, chiefly cleared and in high state of cultivation, at sacrifice prices to close an estate.

BEACON HILL—Lots 50x150 each, facing the Park, $900 each; also 1 lot 46x150, $800; corner lot for $900.

FOUL BAY—Water lots for sale. Call for particulars. je16

$800—5 roomed cottage, and lot 50x120, stable and chicken house; a few fruit trees; insured for $700. A bargain.

FIRST ST.—$250. Two lots 50x133 each, at this price per lot, near King's road.

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FOURTH ST.—$350. Lot 50x133, between Bay street and King's road.

HILLSIDE FARM ESTATE—Lots $50 and upwards; also acreage in small parcels of from one to five acres; all cleared and under cultivation, at bed rock prices.

SIXTH ST.—2 lots, corner. $400 each.

10 ACRES—6 room cottage, barn and outbuildings; 9 miles from city.

2 ACRES adjoining the Park, all under cultivation; nice building site; only $2,800. A bargain.

10 ACRES—All under cultivation; very handy to city and close to car line. Will subdivide. Terms.

DOUGLAS GARDENS—Only five lots left. Price $1,000 each.

250 LOTS on Garbally road, just off Gorge road. $250 each; 153 feet deep. Terms if necessary.

$800 COTTAGE, Victoria West, in good order; handy to car.

$950 COTTAGE—5 rooms, cornet lot with stable. $50 cash, $15 per month.

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ISLAND FOR SALE—A whole island for $500; 4 acres cultivated; 3 roomed house and outbuildings.

SALT SPRING ISLAND—154 acres, 10 under cultivation; orchard, running stream of water; small house.

FARMS FOR SALE—Ask for printed list.

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CALL FOR A LIST OF OUR ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DWELLINGS FOR SALE

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FOR SALE—Handsome bungalow and two lots, Oak Bay avenue, all modern conveniences. (692.)

FOR SALE—A five roomed cottage and two lots, on car line; price $2,000, easy terms. (614.)

FOR SALE—150 acres, Saanich District, 40 cultivated, 200 fruit trees, large house, barns and several outbuildings; price $6,500 cash. (2815.)

FOR SALE—Two good water front lots, worth looking into. (2248.)

FOR SALE—Many cheap lots, on the new Gorge car line.

FOR SALE—Two acres of choice land, at Shoal Bay. (2215.)

FOR SALE—New modern dwelling of eight rooms, may be had at a very reasonable price, is centrally located; all modern conveniences, $2,400. (591.)

FOR SALE—South Saanich, 11 miles from city, 50 acres, of which 35 are cultivated, 8 roomed house, barns, 20 fruit trees; price and terms on application. (2771.)

FOR SALE—Somenos District, 120 acres, 5 acres under hay, 30 acres fenced, 60 fruit trees, 8 roomed house, stock and furniture at a bargain. (2754.)

FOR SALE—Lake Hill Estate, 10 acres, all fenced, seven acres cleared (3133.)

FOR SALE—In centre of city, large modern dwelling and three city lots, having a frontage on two principal streets, well adapted for large boarding house, school or hospital; cost $19,500; our price, $10,500. (632.)

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, handsome modern bungalow and three lots; reasonable price. (532.)

TO LEASE—Eight miles from the city, 125 acres, of which 65 are under cultivation, 6 roomed dwelling, two large barns, stock and implements may be purchased.

FOR SALE—Three and a half acres and cottage, half an acre of fruit, stable and all necessary outbuildings; this is within easy reach of the car, and for sale at a very reasonable price. (313P.)

FOR SALE—Choice building site, 100x133; assessed value, $1,150; our price is only $700. (2245.)

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After a programme of music had been given by the boys, His Honor distributed the prizes.

A farce was then given by the boys, entitled "An April Fool." The characters were as follows: "Mr. Oldbuck" (a fine old English gentleman), C. Pitts; "Mr. Sparks" (a fast young man), L. H. Garnett; "Mr. Poddles" (a mild young man), E. Parry; "Muffings" (a charity boy), G. Davys; "Diana Oldbuck" (daughter of Oldbuck), A. Wilmot; "Lady Toxophilites," C. Vibert, B. Monteith, E. Ambery. The amateur actors performed their parts most cleverly, and the play was an unqualified success.

Then followed a musical drill under the leadership of Sergeant Clark, Fifth Regiment, Mr. Carl Lowenberg kindly acting as pianist. The drill was performed with smartness and precision, and elicited loud applause. A most pleasing function was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King," by the boys assembled on the platform, after which three hearty cheers were given for the head master and Mrs. Laing, and Sir Henry Joly.

The visitors then adjourned to the main building, where they were entertained by the host and hostess.

The following were noticed among the visitors: Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Nanton, Mrs. Archer Martin, Capt. and Mrs. Parry, Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. and the Misses H. P. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pauline, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. C. F. Todd and family, Miss Todd, Mrs. G. A. Campbell, Mrs. Monteith and family, Col. Holmes, Mrs. Geo. Gillespie and family, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard, Mrs. G. A. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. Russell and family, Mr. Carl Lowenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. Hollyer, Mr. A. N. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Kirke, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Ambery, Mr and Mrs. McDowell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymur and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Tilton, Miss Tatlow, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootton, Mr. and Mrs. Goepel, Miss Archbutt, Mrs. Blacklock, Miss Rome, Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. and Miss Heyland, Miss Keefer, Mr. E. A. Wilmot.

Head Master's Report

To the Lord Bishop of Columbia, Patron and Visitor.

My Lord—I have the honor to submit the report of the school during the past year, and in doing so, I offer you and our friends on behalf of my wife and myself, a cordial welcome to The Laurels. Our numbers are well up to the average, the roll this term being 44, of whom 24 are boarders. We now have boys from Macleod and Lethbridge, in Alberta; from the province, boys from Fernie, Kelowna, Nelson, Ashcroft, Okanagan Landing, Union Bay, Ladner, Vancouver, Telegraph Creek, Alberni, Cowichan, and from Tacoma and Dawson. In view of further additions to our numbers from Calgary, Edmonton, Seattle and elsewhere, we have lately added to our accommodation by building two new dormitories and a reading room for the boarders, so that with our spacious schoolhouse, well equipped gymnasium, organized cadet corps, and very extensive recreation grounds, we have everything a boy can wish to render his school life happy and profitable. After years of hard work and organization the Collegiate school of Victoria has come to be recognized as an important educational centre. Everything should be done to make Victoria a great educational centre, and the school is doing its part with that object in view.

I am pleased to announce a sound, moral tone and thorough discipline throughout the school—in fact, I have never had such a well-toned set of boys as I have at present. As our discipline and general management are based upon the English public school system, I have selected a limited number of prefects from among the senior boys, who have certain duties and responsibilities in connection with discipline, and who are expected by their influence and example to maintain the best traditions of the school. The result has proved most satisfactory, and I congratulate R. Humphrey and A. Wilmot on the result of their labors. We aim at thoroughness in our work, and insist upon a boy having a clear understanding of the work in his form before being promoted to a higher one. As a result of this, we have to record the following honors gained by old boys:

Jerrald Potts has taken his degree with first class honors in English at Trinity University, Toronto. John Hanington has taken his degree with honors in medicine at McGill University, Montreal, and has been appointed to the Maternity hospital in that city. Henry Lockwood has passed tenth and Joseph Keefer eleventh out of thirty candidates into the Royal Military College, Kingston. Keefer's position was a most creditable one, as he left us to go into a bank, where he was for two years, and returned to us only for six months' preparation for the examination. In Latin he stood second, and in French third, of all the Candidates.

Harold Jukes, on graduating from the R. M. C., Kingston, has obtained a commission in His Majesty's Indian army. Alexander Robertson, who read privately with me for McGill matriculation, has graduated sixth in honors out of 73 candidates, and has been appointed to the General hospital, Montreal.

Of these successes we have reason to feel proud.

The health of the boys during the past year has been excellent—a matter of great thankfulness.

Our examiner this term has been Ven-Archdeacon Scriven, M. A., to whom we are much indebted for his valuable services.

Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere has given us two prizes for French, Mrs. C. F. Todd a prize for arithmetic for the upper school, Mr. F. A. Pauline one for arithmetic for the lower school, Mrs. A. P. Luxton a map prize, Mr. L. Goodacre two form prizes, and Mrs. Laing two prizes for the best all round boarders, in school and on the field; Miss Archbutt, a music prize, and C. W. Busk, M. A., a composition prize. We heartily appreciate these tokens of interest taken by our friends in the school.

Prize List

Upper School, Form IV.—Mark prize, A. Wilmot; arithmetic prize, A. Wilmot; spelling prize, A. Wilmot; composition prize, R. F. Barnes; French prize, H. Walker.

Lower School, Form III.—Mark prize, T. Wilkinson; map prize, J. Peters; French prize, E. A. Parry. Form II.—Mark prize, P. Smith; spelling prize, P. Smith; arithmetic prize, P. Smith.

Music prize, R. B. Barnes; boarders' prizes, (1) A. Wilmot, (2) G. Bird. Gymnastic prizes, senior class, (1) R. Humphrey, (2) S. Wood. Junior class, (1) G. Davys, (2) P. Smith.

Promotions—The following boys have been promoted from the lower to the upper school: Wilkinson, Parry, Peters, G. Davys.

The Examiner's Report

Duncans, December 15, 1905.

J. W. Laing, Esq., M. A., Head Master, Collegiate School, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Laing—I inclose the marks for the examination just concluded, and have pleasure in reporting that the boys have passed a very creditable examination. Wilmot is head, with a splendid average of 81 1-7, well earned by an excellent set of papers. Bird and R. F. Barnes are both exceedingly good; the latter secures the essay prize.

In the IV. form, arithmetic and algebra are both strong subjects, but Euclid is not so strong. Latin averaged fairly high, and dictation is good throughout the school.

In the III. form, Peters and Wilkinson have done exceedingly well, so also has Parry, and in some subjects Monteith. The diction of this form was excellent and I must say a word of praise for the way in which many of the papers were sent in. Peters' papers especially were models of neatness and legibility, and were really a pleasure to examine.

The III. from is also very good in divin-

In conclusion, I must mention Hanham's essay. For a boy of his age it is the best thing I ever read, original, well-expressed and natural.

AUSTIN SCRIVEN.

In Form II. the examination papers on the whole were decidedly very good. The spelling wqas excellent, also the papers on English grammar, geography and history were remarkably well done.

Smith is easily first, obtaining 750 marks out of a possible 900; he also obtained the maximum in arithmetic and spelling.

Holden, Renwick I. and Vivert I. sent in very good papers.

In conclusion, I wish to tender my heartiest thanks to my colleagues, Mr. R. H. Bates and Mr. J. C. Barnacle, for their loyal support and co-operation at all times, thus enabling me to carry out the work of the school so successfully during the past year. Mr. Barnacle is the best mathematical master I have ever had, giving each boy individual and thorough attention, and he is as energetic on the cricket and football field as ac is in the classroom. I am justly proud of my colleagues.

I am, my Lord, your obedient servant,
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Montreal Daily Herald.

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Almost a lonely instance of the higher kind of statesmanship as practiced by the big companies of the States is furnished by the United States Steel Corporation, which has, on one or two occasions, prevented runaway markets in iron and steel by selling its goods for lower prices than it was able to demand. On the other hand, the policy pursued by this same great corporation in regard to steel rails can hardly be described as statesmanlike. And how about business in Canada? We are soberer, cooler than our neighbors to the south; we do not, so much, rush to extremes. It is possible, here, to point to not a few instances of statesmanship in business. The quality is more apt to be found, perhaps, in railroading than in trading. Railroad managers are always thinking of building up industries and trade along their lines. Where a cheap freight rate will call important new industries into existence the cheap rate is often given. When the Northwest was young the C. P. R. gave extraordinarily cheap rates on cattle transported from the ranches to the seaboard. One result was the rapid development of our ranching industry. That was statesmanship. In trading also we have companies already getting up in years who have always been moderate, wise, thoughtful of the future. We can find, too, instances of practices and policies which do not seem so well calculated to confer the gift of longevity on those who use them. Our Manufacturers' Association, for example, asked the Mother Land to give our grain a preference over foreign grain, but they would give nothing in return. Not every one considers that statesmanlike. Statesmanship gives as well as takes. And there will not be many Canadians who count as statesmanlike the methods employed by the combines created by Jenkins and Hardy of Toronto. They are of a nature likely to react with violence on those who use them. The following paragraph from Mr. McFarlane's article mentioned above seems singularly happy:

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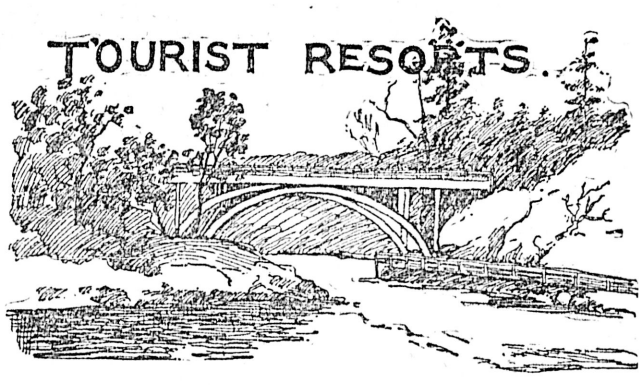

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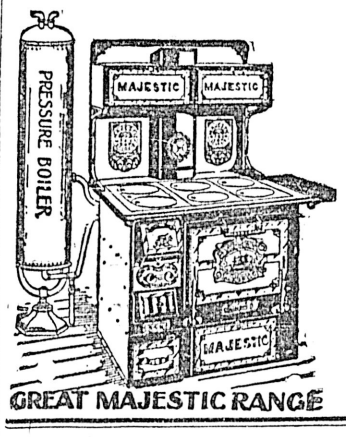

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SOCIETY

On Tuesday evening "Ballinahinch" was the scene of a very merry gathering, Mr. and Mrs. Butchart entertaining then a large number of their daughter's young friends at a delightful dance. The spacious drawing room and hall thrown together made a most desirable dance hall. Both were beautifully decorated in true yuletide fashion. The former was done with masses of yellow chrysanthemums, with back ground of ivy, white, the latter was very artistically trimmed with cedar and evergreens. In the dining room where a delicious buffet supper was served, the decorations were red and white. Here the effect was extremely striking, red carnations, holly, red shades on the massive candelabra, etc., combining to make it so. Many beautiful dresses were also in evidence but too numerous to specify. Miss Thain's orchestra with Mr. Ellis's whistling accompaniment supplied excellent music for the dancers throughout the evening. Some of those who enjoyed this pleasing function are the following: Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Lampman, Mr. Phipps, Miss Phipps, Commander and Mrs. Parry, Mr. Angus, Miss Gladys Green, Mr. Gaudin, Mr. Pemberton, Miss Wigley, Miss Lawson, Mr. Lawson, Miss Nellie Dupont, Mr. Tatlow, Miss Cambie, Miss Macdonald, Miss Morrow, the Misses Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Dockerill, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown jr., Miss Ethel Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Cobbett, Mr. Bell, Miss Nellie Todd, Mr. Langley, Lieut. Colonel Gregory, Mr. Potts, Mr. Cambie, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Percy Keefer, Mr. C. Keefer, Mr. Dougald Gillespie, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Temple, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Lowenberg, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Crease, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Scholefield, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Miss Baiss, Mr. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Pemberton, Miss Pooley, Miss Violet Pooley, Mr. Pooley, Mrs. (Dr.) Cleland. Officers of the Egeria, Mr. Willis, Mr. Tinson, Mr. Irving, Miss Beth Irving, Miss Monteith, Mr. Monteith and others. At this dance there was an abundance of gentlemen, something quite unusual in Victoria.

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"Woodside" Sooke, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Muir was the scene on Tuesday evening of last week of a very pretty home wedding, when their only daughter, Catherine Anne, was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Twynham Harvey, second son of Charles Hamilton Harvey, of Hanworth Park, Middlesex, England, deputy surgeon general of H. M. Forces. The house was prettily decorated with evergreens and flowers, the nuptials being performed by Rev. W. H. McKenny, under a beautiful arch and bell composed of evergreens and chrysanthemums. The dainty figure of the bride was charmingly set off by her pretty dress of white silk trimmed with handsome lace, with veile of tulle and wreaths of orange blossoms. The bridesmaid was Miss Ella, of Victoria, who wore a most becoming gown of blue mousseline de soie. Mr. Douglas Muir, brother of the bride, supported the groom. The bride's going away dress was blue tweed with hat to match. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome ring set with pearls and opals, to the bridesmaid, a brooch set with opals. About fifty guests were assembled to witness the ceremony and to wish the happy couple God speed through life. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey will reside at "Laurel" Cottage Sooke.

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An event to be looked forward to with pleasure later on is a masquerade ball to be given by Mrs. Simpson's pupils at Assembly hall, on January 12th. These dances are always very enjoyable and this one bids fair to be no exception.

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The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women, held on Monday and Tuesday of last week, was of extreme interest to the many ladies who attended at each session. Through the kindness of the mayor and aldermen the meetings were held in the council chamber city hall, which was made extremely attractive with flags, holly, evergreens and chrysanthemums, the last being donated by Mrs. Flewin, of "Flewins Gardens" and the "Jubilee Nursery." Mrs. Justin Gilbert, the Misses Lugrin, Miss Gill and two firemen being the decorators. The excellent papers submitted by several ladies as well as the different resolutions on the agenda, many of which touched on subjects of vital importance to the proper upbringing of our boys and girls and also to the morality of our city and province were spiritedly discussed and ways and means of remedying wrong earnestly sought after by those assembled mothers in Israel. Surely nothing but good can follow such disinterested effort. Great good to the ladies themselves is certainly derived from such intercourse with each other if naught else. The meetings terminated with a reception given to the officers and delegates at "Bishopsclose" by the Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, which reception as usual was most enjoyable. This year the ladies took great delight in showing a little of their appreciation of the great kindness of the Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, by presenting their son Michel Wilcox with a handsome case containing a sterling silver knife, fork spoon and napkin ring, suitably inscribed. Miss M. Lawson made the presentation in behalf of the Woman's Council, the bishop responding in a happy speech. Among those invited were the following: Mrs. J. Robson, Mrs. R. S. Day, Miss Mary Lawson, Mrs. E. R. McGregor, Mrs. T. Burns, Mrs. Justin Gilbert, Miss Crease, Mrs. Wm. Grant Mrs. R. H. Spofford, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Lady Crease, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Macfarlane, Mrs. (Rev.) Cooper, Mrs. (Dr.) A. Cleland, Miss A. D. Cameron, Mrs. Hardaker, Mrs. (Dr.) Foote, Mrs. Stadhagen, Mrs. J. H. Christie, Mrs. A. D. Whittier, Mrs. L. Goodacre, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. J. Frank, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. E. J. Walls, Mrs. J. P. Davis, Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Wm. Penketh, Mrs. Greenhalgh, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. J. S. Thompson, Mrs. Wm. Holt, Mrs. Frank Adams, Mrs. Deaville, Mrs. J. B. McKilligan, Mrs. Jas. C. Miller, Mr. Marcon, Mrs. P. Riddel, Mrs. J. Dalby, Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Roland Machin, Mrs. (Col.) Hall, Mrs. Wm. Jackson, Mrs. M. Meyers, Mrs. (Rev.) McRae, Mrs. B. Andrews, Mrs. A. J. Clyde, Mrs. C. Lawson, Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. H. J. Dickson, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. I. Snyder, Mrs. George Powell, Mrs. S. Simpson, Miss Williams, Miss D. Sehl, Miss Barron, Miss M. Lawson, Miss Plaise McGregor, Miss Bone, Miss Angus, Miss Fell, Miss Hiscocks, Miss C. Lawson, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. E. Le Roy Dakin, Mrs. W. J. Pendray, Miss Sherlock, Mrs. Carne, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Daniel, Miss Bigg, Miss Smith, Mrs. L. Berkholder, Mrs. M. Humber, Mrs. Van Tassel, Mrs. A. J. Pineo, Mrs. J. B. Clark, Miss Simmons, Mrs. Tingley, Mrs. J. Anderson, Mr. E. McNaughton, Mrs. D. P. Pickard, Mrs. W. H. Wood, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. I. A. Gould, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. Scowcroft, Mrs. Foxall, Miss A. Monteith, Mrs. (Dr.) Clemence, Miss Emily Woods, Miss McDowell, Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. (Rev.) Tapscott, Mrs. J. H. Rogers, Mrs. A. Galbraith, Mrs. D. McNaughton, Miss Ward, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. H. Shakespeare, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. Brooker, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. W. H. Bone, Mrs. L. Johns, Mrs. Wm. Hicks. Besides the above ladies were the city clergymen and their wives. Amongst the gentlemen present were Rev. Mr. Cooper, Rev. Baugh Allen, Rev. Mr. Sweet, Rev. Mr. Hicks, Mr. R. S. Day and others.

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The Friendly Help Ladies are making every arrangement for doing their usual Christmas distributing from their rooms, Market Building. They will be "at home" there to receive their friends and donations on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, preparatory to their sending out the substantial boxes of Xmas cheer to those in need throughout the city.

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Rev. T. A. Rodgers and Mrs. Rodgers left on Friday night for Toronto. Mr. Rodgers, who is an evangelist, has been holding services in St. Andrew's and First Presbyterian churches respectively, here for two weeks.

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St. Michael's church, Lake district, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Thursday of last week, when Miss Florence Mayer Neill, youngest daughter of the late Captain Smith-Neill of Barnsville, Syndringemin, Ayreshire, Scotland, and Mr. Clifford Little, son of Dr. Little, "The Orchards," Norfolk, England, were united in mariage by Canon Beanlands. The church was artistically decorated with snow blossoms, ivy and white chrysanthemums, by Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Miss Helen Robbins and Miss Reid. The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. Kynaston, looked very sweet in a pretty costume of cream voile with white chiffon fishu and white fur hat. She carried a pretty bouquet of bride roses. She was attended by the Misses Evelyn and Sylvia Cardew and Miss Betty and Miss Barbara Kynaton, each of whom was attired in pretty white muslin gowns trimmed with lace. Mr. Swinerton of Victoria, supported the groom. The bride's going away dress was a pretty blue cloth with hat to match and white furs. After a wedding breakfast given by Mrs. Kynaston, at which a large number of guests were entertained, the happy couple left amid showers of rice for Victoria, where they embarked for San Francisco to spend a honeymoon of several months. Mrs. Kynaston wore a pretty brown costume with sables, Mrs. Cardew a blue suit with scarlet toque, Mrs. Reid brown cloth suit; Mrs. R. W. Wilkerson, handsome mauve cloth suit, with panne velvet hat to match and sables; Miss Minnie Williams, green with green hat trimmed with fur; Mrs. James Holmes, a pretty blue suit with hat to match and white furs. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goward, Mr and Mrs. Toller, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Lineham, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr and Mrs. R. W. Wilkerson and many others.

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The following particulars of Miss Vernon's wedding in London on the 16th of last month, are taken from the Naval and Military Record: "The marriage of Capt. Montague Furber, 18th (Royal Irish) Regiment, son of the late Mr. Charles Furber and Mrs. Furber, of Cavendish-mansions, Langham St., and Beatrice Alma Ashley Vernon, only daughter of Mr. Forbes G. Vernon, of Victoria, British Columbia, took place in St. Peter's church, Eaton-square, on the 16th inst. Prebendary Storrs, vicar of the parish, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and her train was carried by Master Noel Summers (cousin of the bride) and Miss Audrey Furber (niece of the bridegroom.) Her four bridesmaids were Miss Edith Lamb (her cousin), Miss Dorothy Charrington, and the Misses Durbacher. Mr. Lionel Furber acted as "best man."

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Mrs. Butchart entertained a large number of her young friends on Tuesday evening at her residence, "Ballenahinch." The spacious rooms thrown open to the guests were most profusely and artistically decorated with choice chrysanthemums, carnations and masses of violets, half hidden in trailing vines, making a delightful picture. The music was retndered by Miss Thain and her assistant musicians in their usual correct style. Following are the names of a few of the guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson, Miss Beanlands, Miss E. Browne, the Misses Felton, the Misses Irving, the Misses Pitts, Miss Bryden, Miss Todd, Miss Wigley, the Misses Montieth, Miss Pooley, Miss Loewen, Miss Cobbett, Miss Pemberton, Miss Tuck, Mr. Browne, Mr. C. Berkeley, Mr. C. Pemberton, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Irving, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Todd, Mr. Foot, Mr. Montith, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Camby, Mr. B. Prior, Mr. Scholefield, and many others.

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About two hundred guests assembled at "The Laurels," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laing, on Friday evening, to assist in celebrating the closing exercises of the Collegiate School. These functions are always very enjoyable, and this one was no exception, as the boys one and all acquitted themselves so creditably. The Lieut.-Governor, who presided and also presented the prizes, complimented Mr. Laing and his efficient assistants as well as the pupils, on the excellent showing of the work done. During the evening the boys presented a very amusing farce entitled "April Fool," also a choice musical programme, and dumb-bell exercises, all of which were highly appreciated by the audience. The exercises closed by the singing of God Save the King by the boys, accompanied by Miss Archbutt. Mr. Carl Loewenberg ably played all other accompaniments. Amongst the guests present were the Lieut.-Governor, Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Martin, Mr. and Mrs Gillespie, Mrs. K. Gillespie, Mrs. Monteith, Miss Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Beaven, Mrs. Barnes and family, Dr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dumbleton and family; Mr. and Mrs. Smailes, Mr. and Mrs. Macdowall, Miss Macdowall, Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. Vowell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Galletly, Mr. W. H. Langley, Mrs. H. P. Bell, Miss Bell, Mrs. Wallace, Miss P. Drake, Miss C. E. Dupont, Miss N. Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and family, Miss Crease, Mr. Muskett, Mr. and Mrs. James Raymur, Dr. Holden, Mrs. F. C. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Russell, Judge and Mrs. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. Blizard, Mr. and Mrs. Hankham, Mrs. Baiss, Miss Baiss, Mrs. Walker and family, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. and Miss Kitto, Mrs. Potts and family, Mrs. Stoddart, Misses Stoddart, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Grahame, Judge and Mrs. Harrison, Major and Mrs. Mutter, Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, Miss Hanington, Rev. J. Stanley Ard, Miss Ard, Mrs. and Miss Peters, Masters G. and N. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe, Dr. and Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Mitchell, Captain and Mrs. Devereaux, Miss Devereaux, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wake, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Rolston, Miss Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, Dr. and Mrs. Powell, Miss Powell, Miss Tatlow, Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. Irving, Miss Beth Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Baynes Reid, Mrs. Foster and family, Captain and Mrs. Parcy, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Miss Archbutt, Miss Messinger, Mr. A. F. Hall, Major A. D. King, Mrs. King and family, Mrs. Tilton, the Misses Tilton, Colonel and Mrs. Holmes.

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On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Butchart entertained a number of their friends at "Ballinahinch." The amusement at this function was progressive "five hundred" and was much enjoyed by the guests present. The different apartments were still in holiday dress and as before the effect throughout was very artistic. Miss Nellie Todd assisted Miss Butchart and Miss Mary Butchart in serving light refreshments. After the card tournament was over many of the guests enjoyed dancing for some time. Amongst the lucky ones who secured prizes were Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Gibb, Mrs. Courtney and others. Some of those present were Dr. O. M. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Beavens, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gallerty, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gore, Captain and Mrs. J. W. Troup, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Todd, Mrs. F. H. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney and others.

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The Misses Scowcroft gave a musicale at their residence, Burdette avenue, on Wednesday, the 13th inst, when a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen assembled to enjoy the programme of choice music provided by these talented young ladies and their friends. The Misses Scowcroft, of whom there are five sisters gave several very fine selections, both vocal and instrumental. Others who assisted were Mr. Steele, who gave one or two good vocal solos, Mrs. Gleason, who always pleases with her elocution, Miss Deaville vocal solo which was well received as was also Miss Kayton's singing, Mr. J. Longfield's violin solo and Mr. Wm. Hick's rendering of several vocal selections. At the conclusion of the programme light refreshments were served to the guests present.

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Hon. R. G. Tatlow, who in company with the Hon. Richard McBride, has been visiting Ottawa and other eastern cities returned last week. Premier McBride will not return for a short time yet. On Friday he attended a banquet given to Hon. R. L. Borden at Toronto.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barnard accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard, left on Friday for an extended trip to Europe.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sterling are now journeying to the Old Country, their destination being Scotland.

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The entertainment given by the Ladies of St. James church at the Balmoral parlors on Wednesday, was a great success in every way. Those having it in charge are to be complimented on the efficient manner in which every detail was managed. Mrs. Rattenbury and Mrs. Wollaston were in charge of the fancy work table and Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Daniell the tea and refreshments. Those who assisted with the programme were Mrs. Stockaby, Miss Emma Sehl and Miss O'Meara, each rendering vocal selections which were greatly appreciated, while Mr. Talbot's orchestra supplied choice instrumental music. Mr. Daniell won the Xmas cake donated by Mrs. Rattenbury, Mr. Eaton the dolls dressing table, and Mrs. Howard the sofa cushion.

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Miss Mabel Cameron, Miss Monteith and Miss Andrews returned last week from Vancouver where they have been attending normal school. They are here to spend the Xmas holidays with their relatives.

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Mr. G. Simpson spent a day or two in Vancouver last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Carmichael and little daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. Dunbar at "Hillcrest," Fernwood road, left last week for a short stay at Whomnock, B. C. While there they will be the guests of Mr. Carmichael's mother.

The Marlborough Ladies' Club held another of their enjoyable dances on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the A. O. U. W. hall. Six couples were enrolled as new members. The medley, which has quite taken the place of the dances at Mrs. Lester's dancing academy was greatly enjoyed and heartily encored. The next meeting, which is guest night, will be on Thursday, December 28th inst. Each member is then allowed to bring two visitors. The hall will be decorated in true holiday style and a very enjoyable time is anticipated.

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The friends of Miss Blanche Bond of Vancouver, who has been ill in the St. Joseph's hospital for some time, will be pleased to know that she is gradually improving.

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Mrs. and Miss Dier, Fernwood road, returned home last week from Philadelphia, where the former was undergoing treatment in a sanitarium. Mrs. Dier is very much improved in health since her sojourn there.

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The Halcyon Club hold their next dance at the A. O. U. W. hall on January 19th, at 8:30 p. m. This dance will take the form of a snow party, something which is new and very original and bids fair to be extremely enjoyable for those who attend.

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Captain James Logan, manager of the cold storage plant in Vancouver, spent several days in Victoria last week.

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Mrs. A. Weir of "Crosby," Metchosin, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting some of her friends in Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Lindsay of Vancouver, were in Victoria during the past week spending their honeymoon. They occupied the bridal chamber of the King Edward hotel, making twenty-two newly-married couples who have occupied this room since the opening of the hotel in February last.

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Miss Creighton, who was the guest of Mrs. H. B. McKenzie, Labouchere street for some time, left recently for Rossland, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her brother.

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Miss Barnard of Montreal, spent some time in Victoria recently. While here she was the guest of the Misses Wood, Caledonia avenue.

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Captain Kelly of this city, made a trip to Vancouver last week. He was away several days.

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Mrs. C. White Birch, of Sydney, was several days in town last week. She read an excellent paper on agriculture before the Woman's Council on Tuesday. Mrs. Birch not only preaches on women being agriculturists, but practices it also, as she does a great deal of gardening, pruning, etc. While here Mrs. Birch made her headquarters at the King Edward hotel.

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Mrs. R. Chambers, of Alert Bay, who has spent several weeks in Victoria, left for Vancouver on Friday by the Princess Victoria. She will there meet her brother, Mr. McCaveny of Michigan, before proceeding to her home. Miss Chambers, Miss Lena and Miss Gertie Chambers accompanied her to Vancouver for a short visit and to meet their uncle.

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Mr. James Hunter of the Hudson Bay company, Victoria, has gone to Vancouver to take charge of the business of Pither & Leiser at that city.

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Mrs. Wm. Wilson's friends will be pleased to know that she is slowly improving, although not yet able to return to her home, but is still a patient at Miss Jones' private hospital.

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Mrs. (Col.) Holmes returned on Monday from an enjoyable trip to Winnipeg, which she made in company with her daughter, Mrs. Marpole.

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Mrs. W. W. Wilson, who for some years past has been collecting for the Protestant Orphans Home regrets to announce that owing to ill health she has been obliged to give up the work. She thanks all kind friends for their generous support in the past and trusts although the monthly call is not made the little ones will not be forgotten by them.

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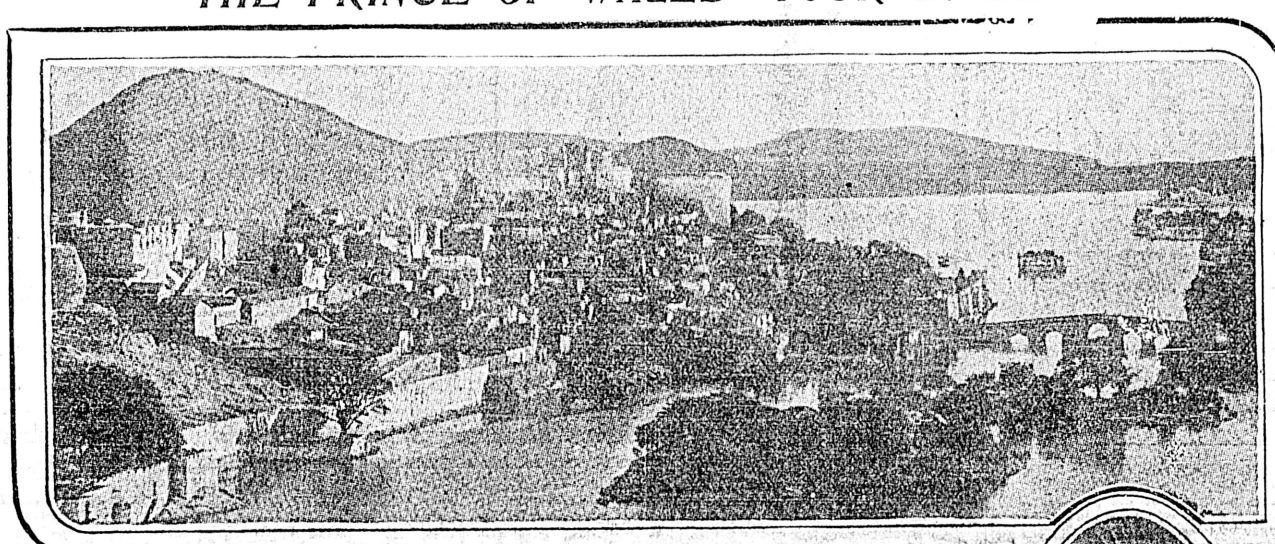
Miss Corinne Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, of 170 Pates street, celebrated her fifth birthday on Tuesday last with a party, at which she entertained a number of friends. Besides the little hostess there were present Misses Adelaide and Ethel Galloway, Edith Tribe, Irene Sabin, Laura Ange, Maggie Stewart, Ethel Allen, Marion Austin, Alex. Stewart and Willie Allen. Corinne was the recipient of a large number of presents as tributes to her popularity.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR IN INDIA



Wonderful Lake-side Palace where Prince of Wales visited Maharajah

One of the most interesting occasions during the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, which he has been touring, was the trip to Udaipur, where he was the guest of the Maharajah.

The Prince spent three days in this interesting Rajput state. The royal palace in which the Prince of Wales was received is a most imposing building constructed of granite and marble, most effectively placed on the crest of a ridge above the lake.

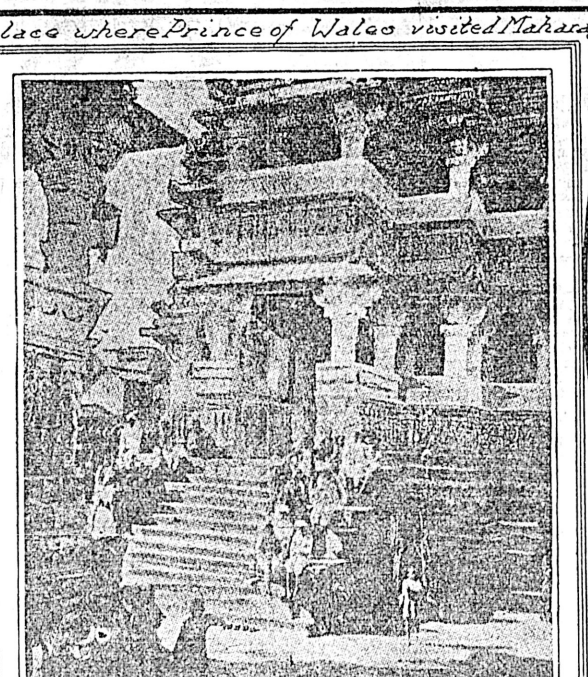
Udaipur is largely a rugged jungle clad district; the altitude of the city itself is about 2,000 feet. The roads to the town are guarded by a chain of fortresses which are now, however, in a state of decay. Commanding the city on the south side is the fortified hill of Eklingarh.

On entering Udaipur the Prince of Wales saw the district of India known as Rajputana, the collection of native states that enjoy almost complete autonomy under British residences. The people of which the Maharajah is head are a proud race owning the soil; they have from time to time furnished ruling dignitaries to many of the native states.

In point of population, however, the district is not a very notable one. The population of Udaipur City is about 50,000; it contains some marvelous Hindoo or Brahmin architecture dating from A. D. 1060.

The Maharajah's palace is on the edge of a lake. Other gleaming white buildings are built on the little islets on the lake, charming summer houses of stone.

"The glory of the capital of Mewar," says Sir Frederick Treves, "is the lake and the palace covered islands which rest upon its surface. From whatever point it may be seen the first glimpse of the lake is glorious beyond words.



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HOME NURSING SOCIETY.

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting Held on Thursday Last.

The annual meeting of the Home Nursing Society was held at the City Hall on Thursday, December 7th at 2:30 o'clock. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. G. H. Barnard; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Wake; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Perrin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Rogers;. Honorary committee, Miss Perrin, Mrs. Jenns, Mrs. Goepel, Mrs. McQuade, Miss Carr. Working committee, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Brooker, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Nicholles, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Royds, Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. H. B. Robertson, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Phipps, Miss Ramsdale, Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Dresser, Mrs. Mara.

President's Address.

Ladies: As the time for our annual meeting draws near, with it comes the time for examination and report on the work of the preceding year. The work of the society has gone on in a highly satisfactory manner, thanks mainly to the cheerful and indefatigable efforts of our nurse, Mrs. Wallis, and it is extremely gratifying to note that, judging from the increased number of calls upon the society its work is meeting with appreciation. During the year the cases we have been called upon to deal with have in general been of a more serious nature than heretofore, while at the same time there have been more visits paid than in the preceding year. The total receipts this year only amounted to $778.50, as against $8[illegible].60 for last year. It is with great regret that your committee has to report this falling off in subscriptions, for while the difference between the amounts subscribed this year and last is not great, yet it must be remembered that the usefulness of the society is limited by the amount of money at its command. However, owing to strict economy we have been able to keep the total expenditure down to $753, as against $922.25 for 1904. An erroneous impression that I would like to correct has apparently got abroad, that our nurse, Mrs. Wallis, is paid by the city and that anyone who chooses to call upon her is entitled to the benefit of her services. This, of course, is not the case. Mrs. Wallis being paid by the society, which is maintained wholly by voluntary contributions, and her services are only available in cases of absolute need and at the direction of the committee. I would not have mentioned this had it not been for the fact that several misunderstandings have arisen by reason of this erroneous impression. In conclusion I would like to express the thanks of the committee to Mrs. Mara for her kindness in performing the duties of secretary-treasurer, and also to the ladies who have so successfully carried on the arduous labor of collecting, and to the general public for their continued support to an institution maintained out of charity and brotherly love and with the object of alleviating, as far as lies within our limited means, the pains and sorrows of those amongst us who are, through no fault of their own, less fortunately situated than we ourselves are.

Treasurer's Statement for 1905.

Receipts.

Balance on hand November 30, 1904		$ 133 52
Subscriptions	$ 195 50	
Donations	26 25	
Collections—		
Mrs. Brooker	328 25	
Mrs. Wilson	113 25	
Mrs. Royds	97 50	
Mrs Le Page	15 50	
Discount	2 25	
		778 50
		$ 915 02

Memo.—In addition to the above cash in savings bank, special account, $156 65.

Expenditure.

Nurse's salary	$ 600 00	
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Slipper	75	
Affiliation fee to L. C. W., 1904 and 1905	4 00	
Xmas gift to nurse	20 00	
Home Sewing Society	5 00	
		$ 753 00
Balance in bank	162 02	162 02
		$ 915 02

ALICE T. MARA,
Secretary-Treasurer.

December 5th, 1905.

I have examined the books of the Home Nursing Society, together with the vouchers relating thereto, and certify this statement correct.

ALBERT F. GRIFFITHS,
Chartered Accountant.

Victoria, B. C., 6th December, 1905.

Secretary's Report.

During the past year the work of the Home Nursing Society has gone on very smoothly, and no serious difficulties have been encountered. Mrs. Wallis has continued to do her work faithfully and well, and the committee have more reason than ever to congratulate themselves on having had the good fortune to secure the services of such a kind and capable nurse. During the year 47 cases, seven of which were maternity cases, have come under her care, and many of the illnesses were exceptionally long and severe. Any spare time has been, as usual, devoted to the chronic cases.

As regards the financial statement, it will be seen that as compared with last year there is a decrease of $24.10 in the receipts. Fortunately the expenses have also been less, so there remains a small balance in the bank.

The sincere thanks of the committee are tendered to the Corporation of Victoria for a donation of $25, to A. T. Goward, Esq., manager B. C. Electric Railway Co., for a monthly donation of $1 in tram tickets, to C. F. Todd, Esq., for a monthly subscription of $5, to T. Shotbolt, Esq., for discount on bills; to A. F. Griffiths, Esq., for auditing the accounts; to members of the medical profession for continued advice and assistance; to the Friendly Help Association for food and clothing, and to the press for the insertion of notices and reports.

As in former years the arduous duty of collecting has been undertaken by four ladies, and it is impossible to overestimate their zealous work.

In conclusion the committee beg to tender their most earnest thanks for all subscriptions, both of clothes and money, and they trust that the work accomplished during the past year is in itself the best plea for future assistance and support.

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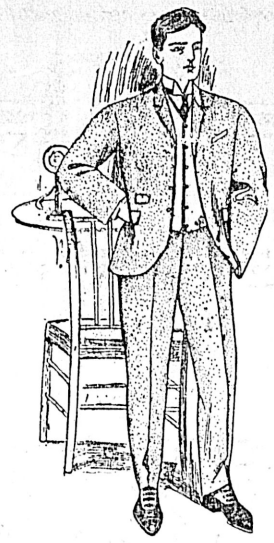

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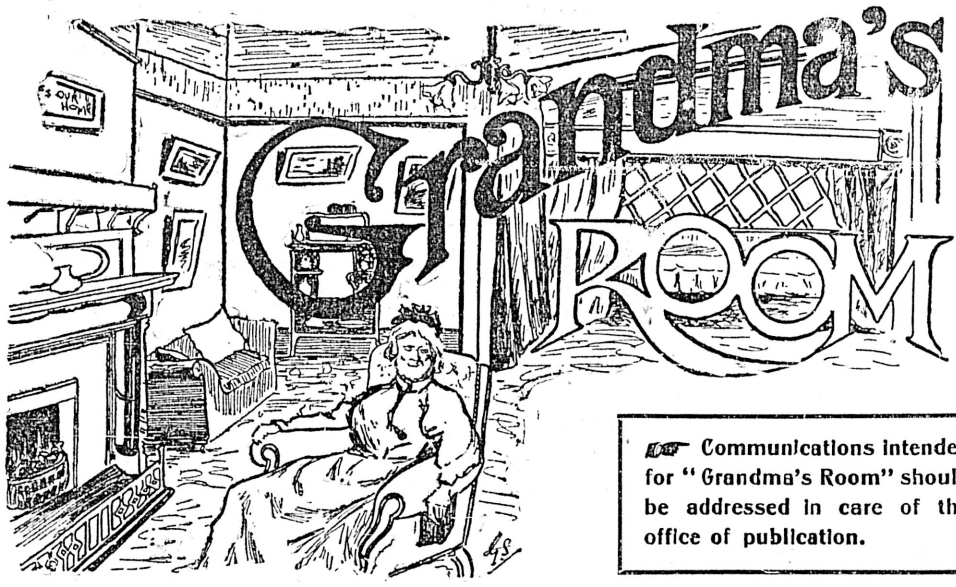

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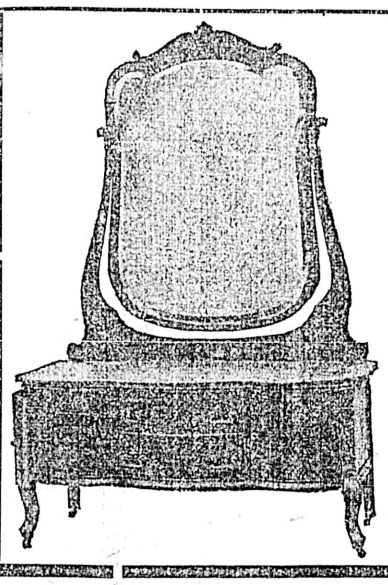

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For the Kitchen—The cook stove is made of two small slide boxes, such as you find at the drug store. Place one on the other, and glue into place. From thin cardboard cut the "hearth," or shelf which forms the ashpan cover; slip one edge into the slip box far enough to hold it firmly. Four little rubber tips from lead pencils are to be glued, one at each corner of the lower box for legs. A round, smoothly whittled peg of the right length to reach from the "stove" to the ceiling forms a pipe. Paint the stove a dark slate, outline lids, doors, etc., in fine black lines and the "stove" is complete.

Another cardboard box, or box cover, is to have four slender legs glued into place and painted. Cover this table with a tiny fringed cloth, made of a colored fruit doily. A chair is made of pieces of tooth picks stuck into lemon or apple seeds. Take six lemon seeds and break or cut the toothpicks into lengths suitable for a well shaped chair. Four seeds and four pieces of toothpicks form a frame for the seat. For the back, two seeds and three bits of the wood, the seed forming little knobs at the top of the chair back. Insert the upright poles of the "chair back' into the two lemon seeds at the back of the chair seat. Another four bits of wood form the chair elgs. With yarn, black or colored, weave in seat and fancy back, and wind "rungs" for the chair legs.

From a catalogue cut a kitchen clock and paste on the wall above a tiny shelf. Drape the shelf and around the stove paste, as though hanging on nails, against the wall, such kitchen utensils as you choose, cutting them from a catalogue.

The parlor may have one or two pictures. These also may be cut from a catalogue, and so come "ready framed."

The furniture may be made from toothpicks and draped boxes. A little judgment and originality, mixed with paint and glue, wil evolve almost any article you choose for a drawingroom.

For the sleeping room, pretty beds are made from cotton reel boxes, though smaller boxes may be used. Glue the cover of the box in an upright position, to one end of the box itself. This forms a high "French" headboard, tiny twist spools form legs for the bedstead. Drape the headboard with China silk curtains, and lambrequin, tying the curtains back very low, with baby ribbon.

Make tiny pillow and mattress and lace spread over silk in cambric lining. With narrow lace on drawing string, arrange a valence around the bedstead.

Other pieces of furniture may be made in accordance with suggestion already given.

The cost of this home-made toy in cents, is nothing in comparison to its value as a pleasure and source of happiness to the little girl for whom it will be made.

Now, here is a home-made game which will provoke much laughter amongst the boys and girls who complete and play it. For the sake of those who like a "funny" game, but who are not gifted with a knack of composition, I will give one "chopped up" story. To complete this exciting adventure you are to cut slips of paper, and write on each such nouns or adjectives and noun as may please you, as many slips as there are blanks in the story. Here are sample slips: Brass kettle, yellow kitten, tin pan, sickly minister, hat box, coal bin, squalling baby, etc., etc. Let one read the story. The slips, having been divided amongst the other players, and left lying on the table, face down, are lifted, one at a time, by each player in turn, and what is written thereon is read by the player lifting it, to fill in the blank indicated by the pause in the reading. The following is a sample story but any boy or girl is at liberty to write a better one:

Mr. Tomkins' Adventures.

Mr. Tompkins remarked at breakfast, that he intended this year, to purchase the Xmas gifts for the children himself. Mrs. Tompkins only wasted the money which was needed for useful things. Now Tommy was in actual need of —— and Jimmie was destitute of —— while Mollie would look more respectable if she had a few pieces of —— in her wardrobe. As for Mrs. Tomkins, he was tired of seeing her around the kitchen in —— and he meant to buy her a nice new —— to wear on her head when she went to church.

Mrs. Tomkins sheds tears of vexation, but Mr. T. was obdurate, so she wiped her eyes on her —— and helped M. Tomkins into his —— preparatory to going into town. Mr. Tomkins had a soft heart, and he desired nothing more than his wife's happiness, so he kissed her tenderly and said: "Good-bye my ——, be a good —— and get me a nice dish of —— for my dinner and I'll bring home —— for dessert!

Then he ran to catch a car, but he stepped on —— at the corner and slipped, knocking an old lady into —— as he fell. The old lady was very angry. "You are a miserable specimen of ——," she cried, and I'll make you pay me —— for this, or I'll put you into —— for six months." To pacify her, Mr. Tomkins gave her —— and calling a ——, he put her in charge of the driver, and told him to take her to —— and to make no mistake or it would cost him one good ——!

In his confusion he boarded the wrong car, and did not discover his mistake till, looking from the window he saw —— on the corner. He hastily rose to leave the car, but the conductor demanded his fare. Mr. Tomkins took from his pocket two —— and said, "Keep them both, I'm in a hurry, no time for change now. Meeting a policeman he said: "I say, —— can you tell me where to find the department store of ——? "I think you must have been drinking too much ——," said the policeman; I think you had better come to the —— with me." But Mr. Tomkins showed him his membership ticket of the —— club, and gave him the brotherly grip of the —— lodge and the policeman let him pass. Going into a clothing store he asked to be shown their best line of —— and the first grade quality of all wool —— for winter wear.

At a milliner's he bought for his wife —— and a —— for each of the girls, and a bonnet trimmed with lovely —— and ——. This was a little extravagant, but he said "he wanted his wife to look as well, when she went out, as any old —— of an alderman's wife."

For the boys he bought —— and a set of fine —— and then he got a box of —— for the baby.

He became so elated over his fine selection of gifts, that he was feeling pretty generous, when he met —— and said "Come and join me in a glass of ——, and a little lunch of —— at —— the —— cafe."

And the lunch is the last thing he remembers till he woke in the cabin of a river steamer. His purse was gone and so was his watch, but fortunately he had left, in an inside pocket, a roll of ——.

The purser came for fare. "Ah," he said, "you're awake at last, eh? Where are you bound for?"

"I want to go home," said Tomkins. I live at —— on —— street."

"The fare will be ——," said the purser, "and we won't get back there till the last of next week."

"Why, Xmas will be past then," exclaimed Tomkins.

He offered the purser a —— and three —— if he would turn back for him, but the purser could not do it. He said it was worth more than —— to lose the time it would take, and no man could afford that!

And so it was that Tomkins came home between Xmas and New Year's with nothing but —— for his gift to the family, and only a tale to tell of the beautiful things he had lost.

But it would take a —— as witness, and an oath on —— to make Mrs. Tomkins believe that he did not take the Xmas money for a little jaunt on his own account, and for his own pleasure. Tomkins says he will give his wife —— next year to spend on gifts and she may buy what she likes for all he cares a——.

This story may be filled in with many adventures, or you may write another more complete, and of greater length, with blanks as per example given. Space will not permit a lengthy example, but this will prove sufficient to try the game with.

Grandma's Callers.

"Mollie Darling." "Mrs. Jenkins" and "Sunshine"—You letters on variety in your home work will be given later. Just now so many things for Xmas work are demanded that space is required for them.

"Bachelor Girl"—Please tell me how to make oyster dressing for turkey? Is it also used for roast goose? If not, tell me how to make a dressing for goose. And I want also have a recipe for plum pudding and for sauce. I know you will send them, the recipes I mean; you always do manage to tell us the things we want to know, so I send you my thanks in advance, and best wishes for a merry Christmas and lots of turkey.

Answer.—Oyster dressing: If fresh oysters are used, to each pint of bread crumbs add one pint of oysters, chopped to medium fineness. Season with salt, pepper and minced parsley. Moisten with 1-2 cup melted butter. Oyster stuffing is not usually used for goose; instead, try this: Three pints of rolled cracker crumbs, (the soft Boston pilot bread is fine for all dressings), 1-3 of a pound of butter, melted and poured over the crumbs, or 3 ounces of butter and 3 ounces of fat salt pork, minced fine, 2 medium sized onions chopped, and one teaspoonful each of salt, pepper and fine sage.

Plum Pudding.—Beat till light, 6 yolks and 4 whites of eggs, add a tumbler of sweet milk. Stir in a little at a time 1-4 pound of rolled cracker crumbs, a pound of flour, 3-4 pound of sugar (brown preferred) and one pound each of chopped suet seeded raisins, currants, shredded citron peel, and of blanched sweet almonds. Stir all well, flouring the fruit before adding it to the batter. Then add 2 grated nutmegs, 1 tablespoonful of mace, 1 of cinnamon and 1-2 of cloves, 1 teaspoonful of salt, 1 wineglassful of brandy and last, another tumbler of milk. Boil in moulds or in bags 5 hours. Will keep for months, and when wanted are to be boiled one hour before using.

Make a sauce of 1 cup of pulverized sugar beaten with the yolks of 2 eggs till creamed. Set the bowl containing sugar and yolks into a pan of boiling water and stir until hot, then add the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Into the sauce dish put a lump of butter size of an egg and a wineglassful of brandy, with a dash of nutmeg. Pour over them the sugar and eggs just before serving. Double the recipe if needed.

Many thanks for the greetings, and may the same good luck be yours, only something whispers that my turkey will be goose this year.

"Pa's Housekeeper"—Will you please help a girl who knows nothing of Xmas preparations but who has to do her best this year for Pa and two little brothers? How shall I make mince pies? I want the mincemeat recipe and pastry too, and a recipe for a good but easily made cake as well as for pudding and sauce.

Answer.—For mincemeat in a quantity to suit a small family, this recipe will probably just suit you. Boil till tender a five pound piece of round beef (contains no bones); when cold chop it fine. (In boiling, let the water cook away till only a pint remains) and to 1 quart of chopped meat add 2 quarts of minced tart apples, 1-2 lb. of chopped suet, grated rind and juice of one lemon, 2 cups of brown sugar, 1 pound of seeded raisins, 1-2 lb. of currants, 1-4 lb. of candied peel cut fine, 1 teaspoonful of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, and half a teaspoonful of mace, 1 tablespoonful (rounded) of salt, 1 quart of cider and the meat water, the 1 pint or less in which the meat was boiled. In place of cider you may use the syrup from canned plums or berries. Let this stand for two days before using.

The Pastry—For mince pies, this is a quickly made and delightful paste. Into 1 pound of pastry flour work 1-2 pound of chopped suet, (removing all "strings" or fibre) 1 teaspoonful of salt, same of baking powder. Mix well together, then stir through this dry mixture, little lumps of butter about the size of peanut kernals. Mix with cold water, the coldest you can get, putting in just a little water at a time, and stirring it well, and leaving the tiny mixed portions all dusty with dry flour, even at the last. When done the paste should be in little balls or lumps, with dry flour amongst them. Roll in plenty of flour, just enough at a time to make the bottom or top of the pie. Add sugar to the mincemeat, if needed. Wet the edges of the lower crust with cold water so that the top crust may be pressed against it, sealing the juice into the pie. Wet the top crust with milk or with water, brushing over thoroughly to secure an even brownness or yellow tinge. Serve pies hot.

The pudding and sauce are given to another querist, "Bachelor Girl." If you do not care to use the brandy in the sauce, substitute lemon juice and the grated rind of the lemon.

For an easily made cake I think it was to a Colonist reader I gave a recipe two weeks ago, but I will give it again in case I am mistaken:

Fruit Cake.—One cup of butter, 2 cups of sugar 3 cups of flour and 4 eggs, 1 cup of sweet milk. Cream the butter and sugar, add the whipped eggs, and the milk, then the flour. To this batter add 1 teaspoonful of cinnamon, 1 of cloves, 1 of allspice, 1 of essence of lemon, 2 of baking powder. Flour, 1 pound of seeded raisins, same of currants, 1-2 lb. of figs, 1-2 pound of stoned dates, these latter fruits chopped, and 1-4 lb. of shredded peel. Stir these into the batter, a handful at a time. Bake for 1 1-2 hours in a slow oven. Line your pan with oiled paper, light weight wrapping paper will do.

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The Voice of the Theatre

The verdict on "Major Barbara," Bernard Shaw's play, just produced in London, is, that when the much-discussed Irish playwright writes to instruct he is deadly dull. The play is described as half a play and half a sermon. The story deals with Andrew Undershift, a millionaire, and head of the firm of Undershift & Lazarus, makers of explosives and other death-dealing articles. The traditions of the business is that it must always be left to a foundling, and Lady Britomart, Undershift's wife, learning that he will not leave the business to their son, leaves him, taking the children with her. The children are Stephen, a pompous youth; Barbara, who joins the Salvation Army, and Sarah, a mere doll. The complications are many and only fairly amusing until the things are finally straightened out. The dialogue is said to not be in the best taste. Miss Rosina Filippi played Lady Britomart; Mr. Louis Calvert was Undershift; and Annie Russell was the Major Barbara, Miss Wynne Matthewson was also in the cast.

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Paderewski has entirely recovered from the effects of the nervous breakdown which followed his railroad accident near Syracuse, N. Y., some time ago. He is now in better health than he has been for ten years, a result largely due to two slight operations and the careful nursing of his wife, who has had a very anxious time. He, however, will not reappear in public until next March, when he will start on a tour through Spain and Portugal. In the meanwhile he will alternate his long rest with periods of work, during which he will compose music for the operatic libretto written specially for him by the distinguished Frenchman, Catulle Mendez.

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Maurice Grau, the former operatic impressario, of New York, is dying at his home in Croissy, France. Mr. Grau is 55 years of age, and to tell what he has done for grand opera and the theatre in America would be to write the important incidents of stage history for two decades. Many could recall the days of the opera bouffe of Aimee, Theo and Judic, the famous enterprises of Abbe, Schoeffel & Grau, Bernhardt, Clara Louise Kellogg, Coquelin, Hadling, Rejane, Henry Irving, Ellen Terry, Patti—all the first great stars of grand opera, the Reszkes, Calve, Melba, Eames, Nordica, and the stars of all seasons. The failure of Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau was the hardest blow Mr. Grau ever received, and, if he did emerge from that bankrupt, he emerged with credit that placed him at the head of the Metropolitan Opera House, where, at the conclusion of his greatest season, his health failed and he gave way to Mr. Conried.

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The promise of Victorien Sardou, the French dramatist, to come to London for the production at Daly's of Capt. Basil Hood's adaptation of his play, "Les Merveilleuses," is well in advance, as it is not proposed to produce the piece for about a twelvemonth. The music is not by Massager, but M. Felix, who, it may be recalled, was the composer of "Madame Sherry."

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Sir Charles Wyndham has postponed his long-contemplated American tour, owing to the big success of Herbert Henry Davis' new play, Captain Drew on Leave. The Knight is making arrangements to transfer this play to another theatre at Christmas, as he has let the New to Julia Neilson and Fred Terry again. Julia and Fred will start with a revival of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" (which they are playing on the road to enormous business), and in due course they will present Paul Kester's new Restoration period drama "Dorothy o' the Hall."

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Alexandra Viarda, the Polish tragedienne, will tour the United States under the management of Mark W. Davis, opening her season at the Hyperion Theatre, New Haven. Viarda plays in English, and will appear in Gabriela, a Russian drama, La Signora di Chalant and Don Carlos.

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Oscar Hammerstein returned to New York from Europe during the week, and announced a play for grand opera in original text for "the people." "I visited the opera at Berlin, Dresden, Munich, Vienna, Naples, Paris, Milan and London," said Mr. Hammerstein. "I heard available voices—tenors, sopranos, contraltos, bassos and baritones—that would create a furore in New York. I shall form an ensemble of that character, with an economical expenditure, based on commercial principles. The first season will have to be confined to grand opera in Italian only: the repertoire will contain operas not yet heard in this country. The second season will include German opera also. London just now is strongly bearing out my theory. For the first time in the history of Covent Garden opera in Italian has been given in the winter at prices no higher than 12s, and it has been enormously successful. Most of the singers are entirely unknown to London, belonging to the San Carlos Opera Company of Naples. Fashion and the masses mingle in the audiences. At no performance was there an empty seat."

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The musical sensation of the day in New York is the wonderful success of a hitherto unknown singer Maria Rappold, in the role of Sulamith in "The Queen of Sheba." Mme. Rappold's voice is a clear, sympathetic and even soprano. She showed some nervousness at her debut on Wednesday evening of last week, but so soon as she saw the marked favor with which an admiring house received her efforts she gained ease and assurance. The audience gave her several warm recalls. In Mme. Rappold Mr. Conried has made a musical discovery of a very high order, and he properly feels that his judgment has been amply vindicated. She is considered by the critics to have a career before her of more than usual operatic importance. With her remarkable success there has vanished forever the notion that an American singer must necessarily have a European endorsement before braving at one bound the great ensemble at the Metropolitan. She had intended going to Europe to complete her studies, but Mr. Conried saw at once that it was unnecessary for his present purposes. She is beautiful and her stage presence is impressive. She is the wife of Dr. Julius Rappold, Jr., of Brooklyn, and though of foreign birth, has been a resident of the United States for the past five years. Mme. Rappold made her first appearance in public as a singer in London, her birthplace, when she was only five years old. She is overwhelmed with surprise at the wonderful success which has come to her with so little effort, but she says that she knew that the time would come some day when she would be a prima donna.

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Toronto News: To watch the newspaper these days one would imagine that Mme. Bernhardt's opinions about Canada are really important. Students in Quebec talk wildly about passe eggs and insults, the star is guarded by forty policemen, and there is as much trouble as when Paddy stole the pig. Why? Because a woman who knows nothing about this country makes the fact plain. No one in these days would think of asking Marie Hall what was her opinion of the Vanderbilt merger of railways, and if that graceful little lady were to express an opinion on the subject, adverse to the project, the financiers would not feel hurt. Like a character in one of Edmund Day's playlets, the Laval students are "always gettin' sore about nawthin'." While at the same time Mme. Bernhardt has a faculty of talking incessantly about things of which she knows nothing. Both the star and the students were foolish, and it is to be hoped that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's gallant apology on behalf of those young men who were not polite enough to apologize for themselves, will settle the whole affair. This "international incident" makes one wonder whether players and public entertainers of any kind do well to be interviewed on any subject, foreign to their art. Surely there is sufficient material for discussion either in the realm of music or the drama, to make a newspaper article interesting and entertaining. Mme. Bernhardt's opinions on the playwrights' war in France, her views on Hervieu's La Dedale so recently done here by Miss Nethersole, her ideas on the progress of the drama both in France and in England, would all be interesting, while, on the contrary, her criticisms on the Chamberlain Fiscal Policy or on the political standing of Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., could be nothing but dreary drivel.

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The election of Mr. Beerbohm Tree as manager of the Theatrical Manager's Association in England has led to some manifestations of discontent, originating apparently with certain gentlemen who thought that possibly a better selection for the post might have been made. Such reflections have been known to arise before on similar occasions, and not exclusively in theatrical societies. Mr. Tree's friends, however, have seized the opportunity to read him in as head of the theatrical profession. One of the most ardent of them writes: "It is not a question of who is the best actor—that must always be a matter of opinion. Mr. Tree's claim is based on the position of His Majesty's Theatre, and the policy there pursued. It is practically the national theatre, unsupported by subsidy. It is certainly the first English-speaking theatre in the world. Mr. Tree, as head of this playhouse, quite naturally falls into his place as the head of his profession since the death of Sir Henry Irving. Alone and unaided, he has founded and sustained this great enterprise. He has pursued a dignified and eclectic policy, embracing a series of magnificent Shakespearean revivals, and revivals and productions of the masterpieces of the drama and of contemporary dramatists. There is no rival to his policy in the breadth of its scope and the ambition of its endeavor." It is not likely that this view will be accepted generally without protest. Mr. Tree is one of the most conspicuous and successful managers of his time, but his treatment of "masterpieces" has not always commended itself to the approval of judicious observers. About his position as an actor there are some very sharp differences of opinion. So far as the elevation of the stage is concerned it is doubtful whether anyone has done such invaluable work in recent years as Mr. F. R. Benson.

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Mr. Louis N. Parker has finished a new play on the subject of Joan of Arc, which Mr. Beerbohm Tree has agreed to produce at His Majesty's Theatre in London. It is said that Mr. Parker has been making a special study of the history of the maid and that he has discovered some new details in the French authorities which will prove useful for dramatic purposes and give an air of freshness to the subject. When the play is put upon the stage the heroine will be enacted by Viola Tree, who, with her phenomenal height will be an imposing figure.

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Mr. John Hare is once again acting in London in a round of his familiar characters. Provincial critics have been much impressed by his performance of Julius Sterne in the revised version of Sydney Grundy's "An Old Jew."

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Engelbert Humperdinck, the gifted composer of "Hansel and Gretel," has written some charming music for The Merchant of Venice, a sort of musical setting to the scene in which Bassanio makes choice of the right casket, and also a nocturne for the last act in the garden at Belmont. This exquisite composition reaches its highest point in the love scene between Lorenzo and Jessica, where Lorenzo says:

The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treason, stratagems, and spoils,
. . . Mark the music!

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A novelty for old and young is Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Deaves and their merry minikins. They present the best marionettes before the public, and their figures are marvels of mechanical ingenuity. It consists of a regular vaudeville entertainment given on a small stage set on the real one, that has its manikin orchestra and occupied stage boxes. There are marvelous bar and bicycle performers, and stunts given by an eccentric dancer, a high kicking one—that enthuses the dude in the box to vociferous applause—cake walk dancers, balloon ascension, and a funny mule farce. Nothing but laughter greets their performance. Mr. Deaves and his funny figures are engaged as a special holiday attraction at the Grand, opening tomorrow night. There will also be Figaro, electric club swinger; Kittie Walsh, the Irish cuckoo, singing, dancing and talking comedienne; Patsy Doyle, in monologue; Miss Alice Wildermere, singing the illustrated song, "Good-bye, Sweet Marie," and the moving pictures will illustrate the summary justice meted out to a Kentucky horse thief.

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"The Deserter" and "Dora Thorne" were produced for the last time by the Watson players last evening. The week's repertoire was a most interesting one and attracted large audiences each night to the Watson.

Starting tomorrow (Monday) night the favorite comedy, "Charley's Aunt," without exception one of the greatest laugh-producing comedies ever written, will be the bill for the first half of the week. "Charley's Aunt" is booked for a fresh revival in London, where it already leads the record of successful runs with 1,466 consecutive nights to its credit. "Charley's Aunt" has made more money for its producers and caused more laughter than any other farce comedy. The Watson company is especially adapted to this style of play. Albert J. Watson will play the aunt from Brazil—"where the nuts come from."

The last half of the week, starting Thursday, will be devoted to a revival of the celebrated English comedy, "Our Boys." This is one of the standard old English plays.

Christmas, or holiday week, will be one filled with interest for theatre-goers. Starting with a Christmas Day matinee a most elaborate production of the fairy play "Cinderella" will be given. This in turn will be followed by a scenic production of Goethe's immortal drama, "Faust."

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"The Prince of Pilsen," accepted throughout the English speaking world as the standard musical comedy of the times, will be played at the Victoria theatre tomorrow night and the company presenting it will disclose, it is promised, an average of vocal and acting excellence rarely shown in this line of stage work. Many of those who will appear have been in the cast of this play from its inception; some scored successes in Mr. Savage's London production of the piece and were brought here especially to add strength to the performance, after five months of distinguished success at the Shaftesbury theatre. To those who have already seen "The Prince of Pilsen" its remarkable success both here and abroad needs no explanation. Frank Pixley provided a humorous romantic story, deftly ingenious in its complications and picturesquely placed on the shores of the Mediterranean, under the blue skies of the Riviera. Such a story was an inspiration to the composer, and from Gustav Luders' tuneful pen came a rush of harmonies that filled the lyrics and gave to the entertainment such song gems as "The Message of the Violets," "Pictures in the Smoke," "The Song of the Cities," "Heidelberg," "The Tale of the Sea Shell," "The Pretty City Widow," and a dozen others. The cast will present Mr. Jess Dandy in the role of Hans Wagner, a Cincinnati brewer, who innocently has princely honors thrust upon him.

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Regarding the engagement of the Roscian opera company, which will sing four nights at the Victoria theatre commencing on the 20th, the Calgary Herald says: The Roscian comic opera company will close a very successful week's engagement in Calgary tonight with the rendition of "The Telephone Girl." The "Mikado" last night was probably the most acceptable of the entertaining repertoire. The stage sets were dainty and the singing parts exceptionally well rendered.

Manager Cranston's aggregation is unquestionably the best comic opera company that ever toured western Canada. The cast is really stronger than the circuit is warranted in exacting and the scale of magnificance with which the extensive repertoire is presented rivals many first-class shows of the larger circuits. His leading people are top liners and include Claude Amsden, Lucia Nola, Hilliard Campbell, Hazel Davenport, F. W. Walters, Effie George, John A. Dewey and a number of other lesser lights. The chorus is numerous and away above the average.

The faithfulness to detail which marked the various productions in Calgary of "El Capitan," "Bohemian Girl," "Mikago," "Telephone Girl," "Fra Diavolo," and "The Chimes of Normandy" has been very favorably commented upon.

The Herald has previously alluded to the expense of so large a company visiting these widely extended show points and urged every lover of the legitimate amusement to patronize Mr. Cranston's big comic opera. It is satisfactory to know that during the week the Lyric has been "sold out" nightly to the lovers of good music and pretty stage situations.

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New York. — It was with the mildest expectations and a firm determination not to be disappointed, no matter how bad it might be, that I went last night to hear "King Lear." The uselessness of giving Shakespeare's plays on the stage is an old question, and one that can be argued back and forth without arriving at any definite conclusion.

Whether you get any definite impression of what the author intended from seeing his plays, there is no doubt that of all the Shakespeare tragedies "King Lear" lends itself least to stage reproduction in our day. The grounds that led Charles Lamb to object to its representation have been more or less eradicated by the development of modern machinery for producing storms. But higher considerations than these would lead us to prefer to create our own Lear in the quiet of our own cloister, alone with the author and his poem, rather than to have an actor thrust a garbled and too corporeal interpretation upon us.

"Every masterpiece," said Maeterlinck in his great explanation of his own drama, "is a symbol, and a symbol cannot beat to presence of man." Lear, Hamlet and Othello are symbols of the highest order. Hamlet not so much as Lear, for the symbols there are adjusted so closely to the expression of Shakespeare's personality that Hamlet becomes verily Shakespeare himself. In Lear, however, the poet was producing things much further away from himself, and he was expressing as well as a great human being could express the ever unrolling tragedy and mystery of our emotions.

Perhaps it was the very crudeness of some of the actors, perhaps it was delightful absence of all that goes to make up stage "realism" in the modern sense, but Mr. Mantell's production of "Lear" is a striking and in some respects a wonderful thing. At times the symbolism of it was as holding as if it had been given in a theatre of marionettes, and the credit must be given all to the central figure. Mr. Mantell's carefully cadenced declamation, his fine appreciation of every line, were only a few of the things that went to make a powerful and lasting impression.

Last year at the Princess Theatre, amid the most distressing circumstances, Mr. Mantell produced "Richard III," and with that single production emphasized the fact that he was probably the best Shakespearean actor that America has today. His performance of "King Lear" at the Garden Theatre almost puts him in a class by himself.

We have been having many Shakespearean revivals lately, and the endeavor to give the thing a modern note has been the curse of them all. It was the absolute lack of this modernity that made Mantell's "Richard III," striking and lasting, and it is this absence of it in his interpretation of "King Lear" that makes the thing so fine and makes one desirous of seeing it a second time.

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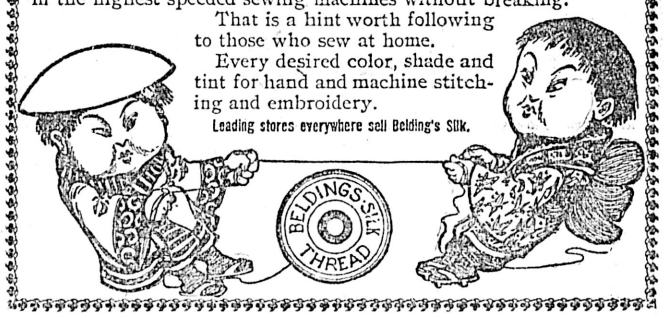

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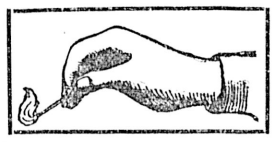

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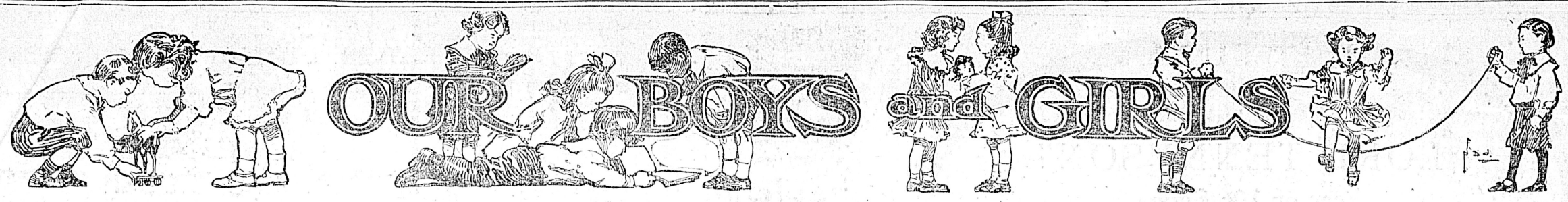


THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT CLUB

"I won't do it. I won't sew another year as I did last. I mean to buy my Christmas presents."

This from Minnie Long, the one girl at Mrs. Beardsley's fashionable school, whose needlework mark in the weekly report card sent home to parents was always perfect.

A storm of protestations greeted Minnie's declaration. There were ten of Mrs. Beardsley's girls gathered in the long, broad hallway of the living part of the school.

"Why, Minnie," cried Sarah Lukens, "you've always made such beautiful Christmas presents What are you going to do for your friends this year? You've got to give people something."

Minipe grunted a pretty little grunt that didn't seem at all unladylike. But as Belle Merlon said, that was just the trouble with Minnie Long. "Everything she did seemed so attractive that you forget what it was she did."

"I don't care," explained Minnie. "What use are Christmas presents anyhow? I never get anything I want, and making things takes up too much of my time that I am sure to fall behind in something. Last year my report for December was the very lowest of the whole year."

Minnie Long was ambitious. It was not only in her sewing that her report stood high. It was a report over which the whole school marveled.

Annie Bevin reiterated Sarah's question. "What are you going to do, Minnie?"

"Buy 'em," declared Minnie, promptly.

"There's so little here in Brompton for sale," suggested Belle.

"And besides," chimed in Annie, "it takes just as much time to hunt 'round in the shops for things that particular people would want as it would to make them."

"I'm not going to hunt around," said Minnie. She gave her head a little toss and got up from her chair, walking over toward the doorway. "I'm going to take what money I have and buy enough of one thing to go around among all the people I have to give to. It's the easiest way, and I'm tired of fussing over Christmas."

"But they won't all like the same things," Annie protested eagerly. "And besides it costs more to buy good things than to make them."

Minnie turned around and looked at her. "My presents don't cost much," she remarked, coolly. "They're to be photographs. Every one is to have a photograph. It's the easiest thing and if they don't like it"——. She paused and shrugged her shoulders with an air of finality.

For a moment the other girls said not a word. Then they gradually rose from their comfortable seats and wandered off in twos and threes down the hall. Belle was the last to go. It was considered bad form at Mrs. Beardsley's school for the girls to talk about each other's actions. "Always say what you have to say to each other directly," Mrs. Beardsley had admonished them. So, as Minnie Long watched her schoolmates going down the hall she had no fear that she was being harshly criticised. But Belle Merlon, for all her easy ways, remembered the other part of Mrs. Beardsley's advice. She stopped directly in front of Minnie for a moment. "Oh, Minnie!" she said kindly, "aren't you afraid you'll feel miserable when Christmas comes? It seems so awfully selfish of you, and especially when all your people are so kind to you."

Minnie shrugged her shoulders again. "Well, I have made up my mind," she said coldly. Belle said nothing more, but went quietly after her schoolmates.

The ten girls, who made up one of the most intimate and most constant circles of Mrs. Beardsley's school, had met in the hall after coming in from their daily walk through the town for the sole purpose of discussing the making of Christmas presents for their home folks. Annie had suggested that they form a Christmas present club and meet every evening after study hours during the recreation period that was allowed them before bed time to work on their gifts. As Annie had suggested, it would be lots more fun than working alone, and they could help each other.

"And we were going to make Minnie president of it," chattered Annie, sorrowfully, as the girls separated to go to their rooms to make ready for tea.

"Oh, well, never mind," Belle said, consolingly, "we won't leave her out of it, even if she does want us to."

The other girls looked surprised. "What can we do?" gasped Sarah Jewett.

"Well," said Belle, "doesn't it seem too bad that Minnie's mother and father and her aunts and her cousin Susie and her uncle John should have only photographs, all alike and without any frames or anything to show that she really cared? Of course, she meant that she isn't going to give any of us any present, and that's all right, if she doesn't care to, but I do think it's cruel that all those other people who are so lovely to her should be made to feel that she doesn't care anything about them."

All the girls looked very serious. It seemed very much like judging Minnie, and Mrs. Beardsley had told them never to do that, and yet they couldn't help remembering the beautiful home made things in Minnie's room sent her by her parents and cousins and aunts on birthdays and other anniversaries or which she had brought back after her visits home in the Christmas holidays in her three years at Mrs. Beardsley's.

"It really seems," said Belle, "as if we might do something about it."

The girls regarded her anxiously. "What could we do?" gasped Annie. "You know how impossible it is to influence Minnie."

Belle nodded her head wisely. Then she leaned forward and spoke softly to the group of girls. It was almost a whisper. She seemed afraid that the very walls might hear.

"Oh!" said Annie.

"That's beautiful," said Sarah.

"The very thing!" gasped the other Sarah.

"Remember," counselled Belle, "it's a secret."

"Yes, indeed," chorused the girls. Their voices died away down the hall, and Minnie, standing by the fire, heard only the echo of their words, "It's a secret."

The days flew by in Mrs. Beardsley's school with all the swiftness that characterizes before Christmas days. Lessons went on as usual during the school hours. Study hour was not relaxed for a moment in the evening. There were the afternoon walks, the morning chapel and the daily gymnastic exercises as usual. But in the evening after study hour and on the Saturday half holidays there was unwonted industry among the girls. There were nightly gatherings in each other's rooms when fingers flew as fast as tongues. The afternoon walks included shopping expeditions whence the girls returned laden with parcels of ribbon and silk and fancy cardboard. There was a constant fragrance of sachet through the dormitories and much consultation with the teachers over the comparative beauty of monotones or contrasts in the coloring for dainty fancy work.

"The ten" were not behind the other pupils in this excitement. In fact, they seemed to be more particularly engaged in Christmas labors than the other girls. Meetings were held in the different rooms alternately and not a member of the crowd but had a forefinger pricked by much needlework and a pocketbook depleted by lavish purchase of ribbons, embroidery silk and the other items of raw material used in making Christmas fancy work the world over.

There is not a girl in the crowd except Minnie Long. Since the discussion in the hall Minnie had avoided "the Ten" in the evenings after study hour. Passing their rooms she heard their chatter and laughter, and through partly opened doors she caught glimpses of busy, happy groups bending over piles of pretty Christmasy looking objects. She was too proud to join any of the other little cliques in the school, all of whom looked upon her as being the central figure of "the Ten," and besides their odd moments were also taken up with seasonable labors. Minnie felt she would rather not be present when discussions as to what to buy or to make for this or that relative were in order. She preferred to be alone in her own room, where she could study or read without any uncomfortable reflections suggested by the sight or sound of Christmas doings. But she found her room and her books oddly unsatisfactory. An uncomfortable feeling gnawed at her heart and she felt so restless and dissatisfied that even her studies suffered.

"Too much Christmas presents," hinted Mrs. Beardsley, as the teachers in going over their weekly reports had reached Minnie's average for the week before Christmas.

Miss Allison, the mathematical instructor, looked puzzled.

"It can't be that this year," she exclaimed, "because Minnie told me herself she wasn't making any. She didn't wish to spare the time. It seemed to me very thoughtful in so young a girl."

"Thoughtful!" Miss Briggs, the teacher of drawing, raised her eyebrows wonderingly. "That's hardly the word, I think. After all, there are other things than averages."

"Hum!" said Mrs. Beardsley, quietly; "yes, and that is a thing that we teachers are sometimes too prone to forget. I wonder"——. She paused meditatively. And that afternoon during English hour Mrs. Beardsley herself appeared. "I would like to read you something, young ladies," she said, "in lieu of your usual exercises. It is something that you have all no doubt read before, but it is so well suited to the season that I think it will do us all good."

Then Mrs. Beardsley read them that old old Christmas classic, Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

After the class was over Minnie went hurriedly up to her own room. "She couldn't—no, she couldn't," this is what she was saying to herself. She couldn't bear to go home for Chistrmas and face them all with not a single gift to show them that she had thought about them or worked for them or considered their special tastes for a moment.

She might be able to buy them a few things in the town. She ran upstairs and hurriedly counted her pocket money.

She had spent her money freely for herself, refusing to keep out any in case she should change her mind about Christmas. There was only a dollar and a half left. "I could have made several pretty things with it, but what can I buy in this little town," she murmured to herself. Nevertheless, she resolved to ask Mrs. Beardsley to let her go shopping the next day in the town. She could at least get something for her mother that showed a little more individual care than one of a dozen photographs.

There was a queer little look on Mrs. Beardsley's face the next afternoon when she acceded to Minnie's request and assigned one of the trusty maids to go with her. Minnie had hurriedly protested that it would be impossible for her to go with the crowd of girls who were going in a party to do some last moment Christmas errands.

But although the maid was good natured and Minnie was desperately anxious to be pleased with something, not one of the things which the shopkeepers of the little town were able to show her seemed precious enough and fine enough for her mamma. Minnie remembered the beautiful little glove case made of linen and drawn work and embroidery which had been so delightedly received by her mother last year. "Oh, Nora," she said, with a little sob in her voice, turning away from the pile of plush jewel boxes all alike which a kindly shopkeeper was showing them, "I'm sure these won't do; I'm afraid we'll have to go back without anything."

Norah sympathized vociferously, but Minnie was too disheartened to be cheered up even by her kindness. She said hardly a word on the way home, but as they neared the school a sudden thought came to her.

"I won't go home for Christmas," she said aloud. Norah was busily peering into the shops, or she would have heard her.

It was the only way out of it. Minnie felt it would be impossible to go home with no suitable presents. But oh, how dreadful to stay at school through the holidays! It was so beautiful at home, and they would miss her so.

But her resolution was taken. She said nothing to Peter, the porter, when he brought her trunk to her room for packing. He had been delivering trunks all along the dormitory, and that afternoon lessons were to be given up entirely so that evening would have ample time for packing.

Minnie left hers in her room unlocked, as Peter had left it. Then she went down to the morning recitations, the last before the holidays.

After the lessons she went to Mrs. Beardsley. "Oh, Mrs. Beardsley," she said abruptly, "I'm not going home for Christmas."

Mrs. Beardsley looked at her keenly. "Why?" she said.

Minnie thought of many excuses, but she could make none of them to Mrs. Beardsley. She felt it was impolite of that lady to have asked why. Finally she decided to tell all about it. She longed for some one to confide in.

Mrs. Beardsley listened quietly.

"But you will be punishing your father and mother more by staying away from home," she said, "and yourself less."

Minnie hadn't thought of that part of it. Mrs. Beardsley always saw everything so impartially.

"No, Minnie," continued Mrs. Beardsley, "I don't think you ought to do that."

"I'll do whatever you think will make papa and mamma feel the best," Minnie said humbly, but her feet were heavy as she climbed the stairs to her room, and her heart ached as she opened her trunk to begin packing.

To her surprise there was something in her trunk—a whole lot of packages. The entire top tray was filled with them. Minnie was sure she had put her trunk away empty, and besides these were Christmas packages in white and green paper, tied with scarlet ribbon and with holly ribbon. There was no doubt about the nature of the packages.

Minnie gazed at them in dismay. She did hope the girls hadn't been giving her anything. She had given them fair warning and she did hope they had taken it.

Then some little writeut inscriptions attached to the packages caught her eye. She looked closer. "Mrs. Long, from Minnie," read one inscription. "Mr. Long, from Minnie," was another. "Aunt Julia Long, from Minnie," was a third.

Minnie picked up the packages one by one. There was a package for every relative and home friend to whom she was accustomed to give her own handiwork. There was even one for Mrs. Beardsley.

And inside! What pretty things they were! There were all sorts of things in embroidery and drawn work for her mother and aunts and cousins. There were painted photograph frames for uncles and brothers. There were dolls in the latest fashioned costumes for small sisters and a cushion in his school colors for a big brother.

"The ten!" gasped Minnie; "they have done it all!"

It was a most joyous Christmas at the Long home, and the gifts were every one of them heartily received. To be sure, Aunt Julia did say privately to Aunt Mary that she didn't think Minnie's embroidery was quite as good as it had been.

And Minnie, after the first Christmas pleasure was over, bravely confessed to her mother all about it. She felt that it would be deception to let her believe that she had thought of them all as usual.

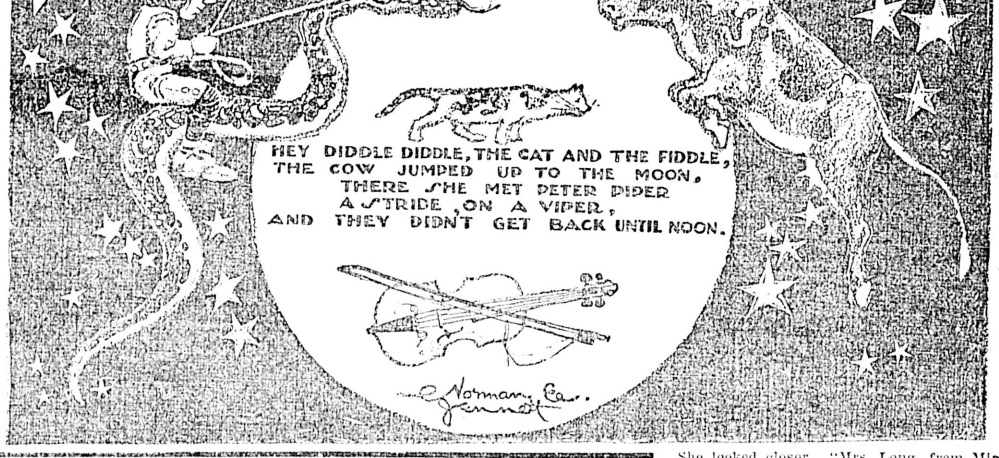
Of course her mother, being a mother, forgave her. And she said that one thing was certain—a girl who had so many loyal friends couldn't be altogether selfish. And she said that she must become acquainted with every one of these nine girls.

When Minnie went back she bore an invitation for each of the nine to spend the Easter holidays at the Longs' and she also carried a Christmas gift for each one of the nine, made with her own hands during the Christmas holidays.

And Minnie Long made up her mind once and for all, that she never again would think it too much trouble to make Christmas gifts.

The Pursued Stag and His Hunters.

The poor stag is fleeing from a sound that he knows only too well, the baying of hounds. Look carefully and you will find his tormentors lurking among the trees.



The Game of the Wagging Mandarin.

The leader says to the neighbor on her right, "My ship has come home from China!" The one to whom she says this asks, "What has it brought?" "A fan," the leader replies and pretends to fan herself with her right hand, every one imitating her. The one to whom she had spoken then says to the neighbor on her right, "My ship has come home from China," to whom the question is put in turn, "What has it brought?" "Two fans," she replies, making the gesture of fanning herself with both hands, while every one follows her example. The statement "My ship has come home from China," and the question "What has it brought?" continues from one player to another. The third player announcing that her ship has brought three fans, moves her right foot as well as her two hands, every one also doing the same thing. At "four fans" all move both hands and both feet. At "five fans" the hands, feet and right eyelid; at "six fans," hands, feet and both eyelids; at "seven fans," hands, feet, eyelids and mouth, and at "eight fans," hands, feet, eyelids, mouth and head. This transforms the whole company into a group of Chinese mandarins. The one who first fails in keeping up the movements must pay a forfeit.

THE MANDARINS.

Can You Finish Drawing the Animal?

Here is the completed head of an animal, part of whose head outline was published before in the Children's Page. Also part of the outline of a new animal. See if you can complete this head also and tell what animal it is.

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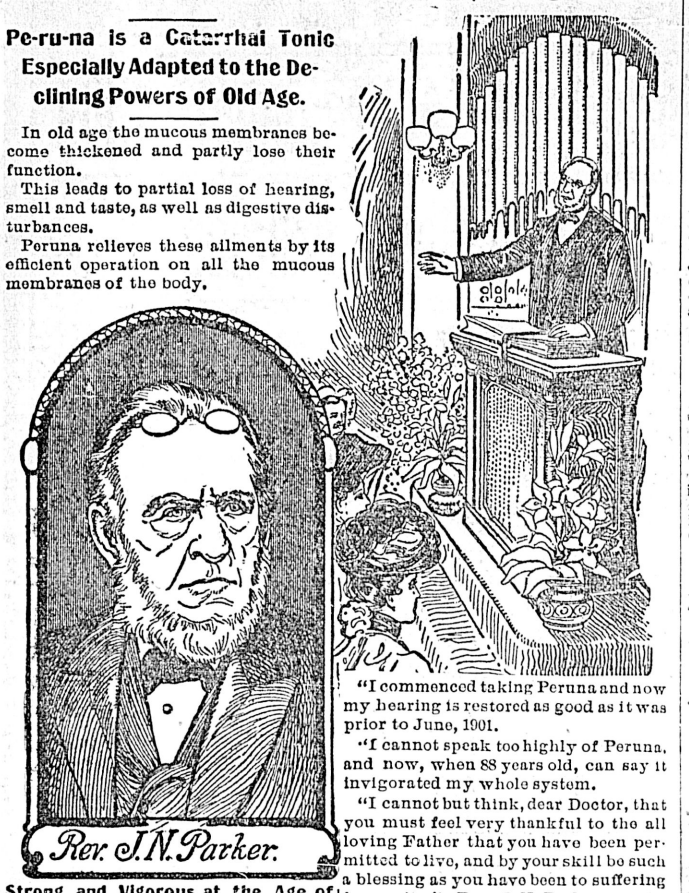

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"I cannot speak too highly of Peruna, and now, when 88 years old, can say it invigorated my whole system.

"I cannot but think, dear Doctor, that you must feel very thankful to the all loving Father that you have been permitted to live, and by your skill be such a blessing as you have been to suffering humanity."—Rev. J. N. Parker.

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If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write to Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio, who will be pleased to give you his valuable advice, gratis.

Strong and Vigorous at the Age of Eighty-eight.

Rev. J. N. Parker, Utica, N. Y., writes: "In June, 1901, I lost my sense of nearing entirely. My hearing had been somewhat impaired for several years, but not so much affected but that I could hold converse with my friends; but in June, 1901, my sense of hearing left me so that I could hear no sound whatever.

Gossip of the Waterfront

Steamer Tees Delayed by an Accident to Her Propeller.

Rithet's Report Notes But Little Change in the Grain Freights.

Steamer Tees of the C. P. R., Capt. Hughes, did not sail for Naas and way ports of the northern coast with her Christmas freight until last night, having been delayed by breaking two blades of her propeller when leaving the harbor on the previous evening for her voyage north. The Tees is well laden with general provisions and supplies, containing everything from the ingredients of the Christmas pudding to demijohns of whiskey for lone prospectors, from boxes of groceries to bonbons for the Christmas tree. There were fourteen passengers. The crew had hoped to make a quick trip so that they would return home in time to spend Christmas, but it is doubtful if the steamer can make up the lost time.

Steamer Amur, Capt. McLeod, reached port yesterday morning from Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Port Essington, with 69 passengers, 42 of whom came from Skagway. Fine weather was encountered for the greater part of the voyage, but a heavy fog was encountered on Thursday. The passengers who arrived by the steamer included P. J. Scharschmidt and wife, H. B. and G. Scharschmidt, G. M. Sproat, Col. M. C. Orton and J. L. Wertheim, who had a big dredge constructed at White Horse last spring and floated it to Dawson. They are bound home, the former to Texas and the latter to Chicago. Percy R. Peele of the White Horse customs, his wife and Miss Peele, were passengers to New Westminster. News was brought by arrivals on the Amur that a man named Berber, on his way from Eagle City to Fairbanks, fell into an overflow. He stopped at a roadhouse but did not stay sufficiently long to dry his clothing but pushed on. The next day he was found frozen stiff and dead on Eagle creek.

LEELANAW BACK AGAIN.

Brings 1,400 Tons of Gold Concentrates From Treadwell.

Bringing 1,400 tons of gold concentrates from the Treadwell mines, the well known steamer Leelanaw, Captain William Meyer, arrived in port at noon yesterday says Saturday's Tacoma Ledger. She proceeded to the smelter, where it is expected the cargo will be discharged by tonight. The steamer has orders to proceed to Elliott Bay to load coal for her return cargo.

Four days from Douglas island is the Leelanaw's fine record on her present trip. This smart time was made in spite of some dirty weather. However, it did not seriously delay the steamer, which came in almost a day earlier than expected. She left the mines last Monday night.

This is the first time in several months the collier has been here. Last winter she began to run regularly, between Treadwell and the Tacoma smelter, making about one round trip in three weeks or a month. Some time ago she was sent on an extra trip to San Francisco and in October she was dispatched with cargo to Nome. The Leelanaw made good time and arrived back safely. It is expected that she will henceforth continue to carry concentrates from the mines.

Captain Meyer has many friends here who were glad to see him back in Tacoma.

MARINERS' HARD LUCK.

Adrift in Helpless Tug for Several Days and Ignored by Passing Ships.

Block Island, R. I., Dec. 16.—A story of extreme hardship and of having been repeatedly passed by coasting vessels which ignored their signals of distress, is told by Captain John P. Brown, of Yarmouth, Mass., and Herbert E. Henderson, engineer of the little tug Blue Jay, which came ashore on the island today after having floated helplessly about since last Tuesday night, when her engines broke down and her cable parted off Cuttyhunk. The tug began to go to pieces in the high seas soon after she struck and will be a total wreck.

The Blue Jay is the property of the Bay State Dredging Company of Boston and sailed from Newport on Tuesday for Cape Cod. That evening

Her Engines Broke Down

and she anchored but in the rough sea, which prevailed her chains parted and she went adrift. On Wednesday she was spoken by a coasting schooner and a hawser was attached to her but the rope soon broke and the schooner sailed away, refusing to take on board the Blue Jay's men. The drifting continued. Signals of distress, according to Captain Brown, were totally ignored by passing craft, among which were several steamers.

The life savers later brought off the captain and the two men comprising the crew. They were almost exhausted from exposure and lack of food.

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PACIFIC COAST HAPPENINGS.

Telegraphic Brevities From Western Slope of the Continent.

Bellingham, Dec. 15.—Henry Engleman, a Vancouver man arrested here Tuesday accused of smuggling sixty-five pounds of opium, finally secured his release on $1,000 bail this afternoon. Tardiness of the express company in delivering cash sent from Vancouver delayed matters several hours today. A portion of the bail is put up by an attorney employed here. Engleman wants to go home for Christmas. He is disturbed by the fact that the customs officers are holding a horse and buggy brought by him from Vancouver until after the trial.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt has responded to a request from the Merchants' Exchange for his views on the Chinese anti-American boycott. He says America must do justice if she expects justice, and severely criticizes the harsh enforcement of the exclusion laws and the treatment of the exempted class of Chinese. The Merchants' Exchange favors amending the laws in conformity with these views.

Japan and Korea

Japan will insist on maintaining a protectorate over Korea in spite of any effort to oust her from that position, is the declaration of Kogera Takahira, the Japanese minister to the United States, who arrived in San Francisco last evening on his way to Japan. Minister Takahira was very emphatic in his statement that Korea was not fit to act as an independent country and that until it was so strengthened and stable that its policy could not be swayed by every breeze of popular opinion it would remain practically a subject country to Japan.

John Hammond Seen

Helena, Dec. 15.—It is reported here that John Hammond, wanted in Albany, New York, for killing his wife and locking the body in a trunk, has been seen at or near Forsyth.

Young German's Suicide

Mount Vernon, Wash., Dec. 15.—Nick Moes, a young German living near Avon, committed suicide by hanging yesterday. A brother with whom he lived was away at the time.

Mayor's Sudden Death

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 15.—J. W. Supernant, re-elected Wednesday as mayor of Astoria, was found dead in bed this morning. Heart disease was the cause. He was 56 years of age.

Collision at Tacoma

Tacoma, Dec. 15.—The lower Puget Sound was rendered hazardous by an extremely heavy fog today. The steamer Umatilla collided with the lumber schooner George E. Billings, knocking a big hole in the latter.

Two heavy electric cars collided at Fifty-second street on the South Tacoma line while running at a high speed. The most seriously injured are: Motorman Barnes, leg broken; Motorman Ben Swanson, chest injured; E. Brummell, passenger, leg broken.

CZAR REBUKES AUTOCRATS.

Delegation Adverse to Witte Receives No Encouragement.

London, Dec. 15.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated December 14, says: "The Emperor today received a deputation representing numerous leagues of a patriotic complexion, including Prince Scherbatoff and other noblemen, many of whom are desirous for a return of the ancient autocratic regime and are therefore dissatisfied with the cabinet of Count Witte. Though they made no secret of their aspirations the Emperor did not give them the slightest hope that there would be any deviation from the promises made in the manifesto of June 30. In a short speech His Majesty said he was convinced of their devotion to the fatherland, but that he would advise them to advance by no other route than that which he had traced in his manifesto. He charged them to make known to all lovers of the fatherland that the manifesto "is the complete and deliberate expression of my inflexible and unchangeable will . . . and is an act which admits of no alteration." The Emperor then exhorted them to support and co-operate with the authorities he had appointed to execute these reforms for the speedy realization of which such support and co-operation were indispensable, and by a stringent and firm power to re-establish tranquility and order in the land now so agitated by troubles. The Emperor continued: "Those who by their action and influence provoke or maintain disorder and inflame passions and mutual hate are burdening their souls with heavy sin. May the Lord our God bless and tranquilize Russia and help all of us to discharge our duty to the end."

DEMAND MUTINEER'S RELEASE.

Engineers of St. Petersburg Request Liberty for Sebastopol Leader.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Journal dated December 15 says: At a meeting of engineers tonight it was resolved to demand the immediate release of Schmidt, the leader of the mutiny at Sebastopol. Alarming reports are arriving concerning the troops at Moscow, who appear to be thoroughly disaffected and who, in addition to demanding increased pay and shorter terms of service, ask the liberty to read all newspapers. Fighting has occurred at Petrove, in the government of Novgorod, between an armed force and the railroad officials, during which many cars were pillaged.

FITZMAURICE WAS HASTY.

Lord Lansdowne's Brother Issued Valedictory Too Soon.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice was today appointed under secretary for foreign affairs. It is thought that he will be sent to the House of Lords.

A curious incident in connection with the appointment of Lord Edmund, who is a brother of Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, is that on December 12 he issued a farewell address to his constituents in Wilts, in which he reproached Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman for overlooking him in the making of the cabinet and announced his intention to retire from politics.

Nanaimo, Dec. 16.—The third accident in the local mines this week was that of Llewellyn Williams, who sustained a broken leg this afternoon by being struck by an empty coal car in Protection Island mine.

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Per Mrs. Le Page—Mrs. S. Leigh, Miss Foster, Mrs. Coker, Mrs. F. Moore, Mrs. Bothwell, Mrs. Le Page.

Home Nursing Society Report, 1905.

The calls upon this society have, during the past year, been so few that it was not considered necessary to call the members together for work. This, perhaps, was largely due to the generous gifts of made-up clothing from Mrs. Brooker and other friends. A few cases of immediate need were reported to the president, Mrs. Royds, who, with Miss Ramsdale, kindly set to work at once to make the required garments in order to avoid the otherwise necessary delay in calling the society together.

After Christmas it is hoped the members will again make a large stock of clothing in order to supply the nurses' needs. Grateful thanks are given to Mrs. W. R. Higgins and Mrs. G. H. Barnard for cash, with which to purchase flannelette for an urgent case, also to Mrs. MacMillan for a useful gift of flannelette.

The treasurer reports receipts from Home Nursing Society and Christ Church charitable fund, $17.95; expenditure, $16.15. Balance, $1.80.

Gifts of flannelette and babies clothing will be at all times gratefully received and acknowledged

Officers for ensuing year: Mrs. Royds, president; Miss Wollaston, vice-president; Mrs. P. Wollaston, treasurer; Mrs. Toller, secretary.

LOUISA J. TOLLER, Secretary.

December, 1905.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

BORN

PHIPPS—On the 16th inst., at 16 Seventh street, the wife of Herbert Phipps, of a daughter (Mariam).

(The Columbian, New Westminster, please copy.)

DIED

COX—At Vancouver, on the 15 instant, Rupert Cox, master mariner, aged 55 years, and a native of Maitland, Nova Scotia.

The funeral will take place today at 2:30 p. m., from the Hanna parlors, Yates street.

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LOST—Black and white English setter dog. Please return to 40 Government street, or telephone 125. d17

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F. C. Davidge & Co., Limited, having gone into liquidation under the above Acts, has appointed Sydney Child, Barrister-at-Law, of Law Chambers, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., its liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

The creditors of the above named Company are required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1906, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names or addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and if so required by notice in writing, from the said liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of December, 1905.

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NOTICE—The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act extending the time for commencing and completing an extension of its main line to Comox and the branches referred to in its Act of Incorporation, and also empowering the Company to construct and operate a railway from Comox to a point at or near Campbell River; also a branch from its main line at or near Duncans via Cowichan Valley to Alberni; also branch from a point at or near Englishman's River to Alberni Canal, and a branch from a point at or near Comox via Cumberland southwesterly to Alberni Canal, and giving the Company general powers to construct branch lines and for other purposes.

Dated at Victoria this 14th day of December, 1905.

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(2) Transfer of Hotel License. Frederick Stetson to Frances Stetson, premises known as the Ship Hotel, situate in the town of Esquimalt.

Provincial Police Office, Victoria, B. C., 16th December, 1905.

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Revolutionists Rule Livonia

Rebel Government Set Up and Divides Authority With The Czar.

German Chancellor Sends Ships to Countrymen Living in Riga.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—(Delayed in Transmission).—Every development goes to show that the government is resolved to make an attempt to repress the agitation now existing throughout Russia and to restore order in the empire at any cost. Every move made by the reactionaries has already been met with open defiance. The Liberals, incensed at Count Witte's contemptuous reply to the zemstvo resolutions, are contemplating a plan to hold elections for a constituent independent government. Liberals contend that there are unmistakable signs that the government is preparing a counter revolution and they openly charge that Count Witte has elected to take up the cause of the court against the people and that all hope from him is ended. Moreover the belief is expressed that the present agitation marks the end of Count Witte as premier and that he will be unable to survive court intrigues against him. However, there are many differences of opinion, and many believe that Witte must be reained under any policy, because his dismissal would be the signal of collapse.

The Autocratic Delegation

Members of the Liberal party point to the remarkable reception which was accorded a deputation of the parties organized to sustain the autocracy at Tsarskoe-Selo yesterday. The members of this delegation included Vladimir Grinemuth, an editor of Moscow, who prostrated himself at the feet of the Emperor; Prince Sherbishoff, one of the best known of the reactionaries in Russia, presented an ikon, which the Emperor kissed, promising that he would personally give it to the Shoudoff monastery in Moscow.

In an address Prince Sherbishoff counselled the retention of the autocracy.

The representatives of the landlords asked the Emperor to dismiss Count Witte, who had proven powerless to save the situation and to adopt stern measures and rely upon the faithful elements of the population "to support Your Majesty's autocracy," accirding to the prince.

The Emperor listened to such grim provocative sentiments without a word of rebuke, and the liberals say that he

Replied With Fair Words

reiterating the manifesto of recent date, which, he said, represented "his unchangeable will." It is impossible to misunderstand the significance of such a reception.

The liberal press is unanimous regarding Count Witte's reply to the zemstvoists' resolutions. This reply is regarded as a virtual challenge to the only body which might have saved the situation. The Russ terms this reply a bureaucratic document, signalizing that the premier has gone over, body and soul, marking the failure of Witte. The paper says that Durnovo is now the power behind the throne and "Witte as a figurehead now takes a stand the last until the constituent assembly or douma meets, when the whole fabric of the government will be swept away."

The "Invisible Government"

The proletariat organization, through the "invisible government," threw a bomb shell into the camp of the official government during the night by issuing a manifesto, following the form of a regular imperial document, declaring the bankruptcy of the treasury, ordering the proletariat army everywhere to refuse to pay taxes of any description, to insist on the payment of wages in gold or silver, and to withdraw all their deposits from the savings banks in gold. The manifesto is a terrible indictment of the manner in which the bureocracy has brought the country to financial ruin, asserting that the government has squandered not only the country's income, but the proceeds of the foreign loans on railroads, the army and the fleet, leaving the people without schools or roads, and it is declared there is no money to feed the soldiers, and everywhere there are insurrections of the beggared and starving troops and sailors. The manifesto even charges the government with using the deposits in the government savings banks to speculate on the bourse, and with covering up its chronic deficits in the interest of the immense debt by proceeds of the foreign loans which are at last exhausted.

Confiscated the Papers

The manifesto created a tremendous sensation on publication and the government accepted the challenge contained in it and confiscated the editions of all the newspapers printing it, including the Russ, Ontechestva, Novaia Zhisn, Nassa Shisn, Nashalo and Svo Bodanaroz, but only after the papers had been circulated everywhere. The government announces that it will proceed legally against the editors of these papers for violating the press law and it has also begun arrests of members of the committees of the organizations that signed the manifesto.

The general impression is that this action on the part of the government will precipitate events.

Strange to say the manifesto of the proletariat organisations, while it increased the nervousness, does not cause a smash as far as imperial fours was concerned. The price of industrial shares however, continued to fall, owing to the scared attitude of the banks, which refuse accommodations to firms. It is impossible to borrow on the best of business security at less than 10 or 12 per cent.

In the face of the determination of the government to arrest agitators throughout the country, the minister of justice has issued circulars to courts and procurators of provinces pointing the necessity for prompt preliminary investigations and trials in order not to inflame public passion by the retention in prison of persons against whom cases are not clear.

The Situation at Harbin

A private letter received here from Harbin, dated November 23, denied the report of widespread rioting and mutiny and the burning of Harbin on November 16, 18 and 19, which were given in despatches from Tokio and other places. The letter says there is much discontent in the army on account of the universal desire to return to Russia and because the appearance of a mutinous spirit and grumbling. There were many arrests made and a Jewish newspaper was suppressed for spreading the propaganda, but the letter does not mention disorders on a large scale.

Reports of mutinies in regiments in various parts of Russia, however, continue to pour in ceaselessly. At Irkutsk, practically the whole garrison of 4,000 men and even the officers, voted for the immediate conversion to a constituent assembly.

Tonight the telegraph office at Kieff called up St. Petersburg and asked whether Minister of the Interior Durnovo had been dismissed. Receiving a negative reply, the sounder ceased and all efforts to call up that city were vain. The same thing has happened on the Irkutsk wire.

The Slovo severely criticizes the foreign office for the appointment of M. Bakhametieff, formerly minister at The Hague and diplomatic agent in Bulgaria, as minister to Japan, saying the selection of a man from a third rate station is a pure attempt to humiliate Japan, which will react on Russia in the eyes of the world.

The battleship Slava and the mining cruiser Abrek have been despatched to Riga.

Riots and Bloodshed at Riga

Riga, Russia, Dec. 16.—The streets are infested with incendiaries. Many wooden structures have been burned. The revolutionary committee holds all main roads. Incoming provisions are destroyed ,resulting in an enormous rise in the prices of food. A mob has plundered and set fire to some of the Jewish houses in the Moscow suburb of the city. The Jews have organized armed patrols, each a hundred strong to guard the Jewish quarters at night. The electric works are being operated by the military. Twelve rioters were killed here today by the military guard at the electric works. A mob of Lithuanians attempted to force the doors of the waterworks whereupon the guards fired with the result already stated. The rest of the rioters fled.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—In view of the serious news from Riga and Reval, Chancellor Von Buelow has authorized the president of the province of East Prussia to charter steamers for Riga, Reval and Libau and to place them at the disposal of the Germans in these cities.

Revolution in Baltic Provinces

Dorpat, Russia, undated, by way of Berlin, Dec. 16.—The plans for a revolution in the Baltic provinces, as set forth in resolutions adopted here, provide for the establishment of a revolutionary administration, which shall boycott the representatives of the present government, close the Vodka shops, resist conscription, refuse quarters or subsistence to the troops and withdraw deposits from banks and refuse payments to the crown land owners and the church. It is also provided to arm and organize the people into a militia, to respond to the call for a general strike of the Russian proletariat, to compel the convocation of a constituent assembly, liberaltion of martyrs for freedom, the immediate return of the Manchurian army, and its disbandment together with the army in European Russia, and the distribution of their arms among the people.

Reval, Russia, Undated via Berlin, Dec. 16.—The city council tonight passed a resolution in favor of the removal of the police and troops from the city and to rely for protection upon the workmen's militia. It was also resolved to transform the city treasury in a strike fund.

Moscow Fears Massacre

Moscow, undated, via Berlin, Dec. 16.—Proclamations are being distributed inviting people to the Red square of the Kremlin on December 19 to a public service. Alarmists believe that this means a massacre by the "Black Hundred" after the people assemble.

Today's advices from Riga are meagre. Confirmation has been received, however, that the governor has asked for warships. Reports are in circulation that there have been collisions in the streets of the city. A letter written Dec. 11th, and brought through by a special emissary, says that every wall in Riga bears posters urging the mob to attack the gentry and capitalists. The women of the better classes have embarked and been sent elsewhere, and the gentlemen remaining have formed themselves into a militia and are holding the houses of nobility, while the soldiers hold the other public buildings. The letter says they have resolved to defend themselves to the last in the event that the peasantry secure their entrance, and are joined by the proletariat.

Mutiny Among Grenadiers

St. Petersburg, via Berlin, Dec. 16.—The news from Moscow is disquieting. Open mutiny has broken out in the grenadier and other regiments.

Warsaw, Dec. 16.—The Russian professors at Warsaw university have organized a volunteer postal service. A thousand bags of mail await distribution. The janitors have struck and houses are unprotected so far that tenants are acting as their own porters. Sporadic murders continue.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 16.—Imperial fours were steady today and showed a firmer tendency.

Kaluga, Russia, Dec. 16.—Captain Samanski, of the 22nd regiment, has refused to obey the order of his colonel to use his company in breaking up the strike, declaring in writing that he regarded police work as outside the duties of officers and soldiers.

Revolutionists in Full Control

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The "Lokal Anzeiger" Konigsberger, East Prussia correspondent says the revolutionists are in full control of all of Livonia and the neighboring government of Kovnois also is in a blaze of rebellion. Armed bands, he says are burning everything. Mittau and Riga are in flames and Libau is seriously threatened. The lives of all Germans are in the greatest danger. Everything is in an uproar from Kreutzberg on the Duna to Kouno and rescue parties to save the Germans are imperatively needed. Two Baltic gentlemen, Baron Korff and M. Von Resenbach who were about to take a train for Kovno, were seized by insurgents and detained as hostages.

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The redingote comes to us in a new guise with the advancing season. Its close lines follow the contour of the figure giving a much dressier effect than the loose fitting coat which has had a surfeit of popular favor. A handsome design in black velvet is illustrated, the suit being lined throughout with white satin. Trimming is used sparingly, however, the design depending upon its perfect cut and fit for fashionable effect. The decoration is limited to bands of embroidery stitched upon the front and around the sleeves at the wrists. The skirt is perfect plain cut in circular effect.

MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Many Candidates in Various Wards for Aldermanic Honors.

With the municipal elections approaching very rapidly, there is great speculation as to who will represent the city at the aldermanic board during the coming year. With the retirement of Mayor Barnard there is good promise of a fight for the seat he vacates. At present the two most mentioned names are those of Ald. Goodacre and W. G. Cameron, M. P. P. Up to the present time neither of these gentlemen has definitely announced himself as a candidate, but both are being requested by a large following of friends to present themselves.

In aldermanic circles the list of possible candidates is daily growing larger. North Ward, as usual heads the list as regards numbers. Although all those whose names are mentioned may not run, it is safe to say the electors of North Ward will have a plethora of candidates to choose from. Among those who have been mentioned are F. Davie, D. Spragge, Ed Bragg, R. Penketh, R. Dinsdale, J. L. Beckwith, Ald. Hall, Ald. Fullerton, Ald. Hanna, R. D. Finlayson and William Turpel.

For the Central Ward it is common rumor that the following will announce themselves: Ald. Stewart, Ald. Elford, Ald. Goodacre (provided the latter does not run for mayor), H. E. Levy, E. H. Anderson and L. J. Quagliotti.

In South Ward the present aldermen—Messrs. Fell, Oddy and Douglas—are expected to be candidates, along with H. Cooley, F. W. Vincent, A. P. Blygh and W. H. Smith.

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HIGH SOCIETY.

Lady Hartopp and Earl Cowley Are Married in Ceylon.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—Earl Cowley and Lady Hartopp were married here today.

Lady Hartopp is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Wilson, of Walter Priory, Yorkshire, Eng. she and her sister were remarkable for their beauty and figured conspicuously in the famous "Tranby Croft" baccarat scandal of some years ago. April last Lady Hartopp was divorced by Sir Charles Hartopp after a sensational trial. Earl Cowley was the co-respondent in the case. Before his succession to the title Earl Cowley was, as Viscount Bangan, the defendant in an action for breach of promise brought by Phyllis Broughton, of the Gaiety theatre, London. In 1889 he married Lady Violet Neville, daughter of the Marquis of Abergavenny. Eight years later she obtained a divorce, and though she has since married Robert Myddleton-Biddulph, Lady Violet still continues to use the title of Countess Cowley on the ground that she is the mother of Viscount Bangan, the heir to the title, who is about 19 years old.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The Driard

G. G. Sedgwick, Nanaimo; A. H. Wallbridge, Vancouver; Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Oppenheimer, Greenwood; D. Malcolm, Vancouver.

The King Edward

Major Z. T. Wood and wife, Dawson; Charles Birch, North Saanich; H. S. Johnston, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. E. Hearn, Duncans; G. H. Sproat, Vancouver.

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The Queen's

H. A. Haynes, E. E. Murphy, Vancouver; Charles Peterson and son, C. Chounard and wife, Seattle; F. J. Thomas, Mount Sicker; Robert McKay, Mrs. Rhodes, Los Angeles; Julio Piaggio, Seattle; W. Hooper, Duncans; R. Bucruale, Langford; F. A. Woods, D. W. McIntosh, Victoria.

C. P. R. Freight Rates.—The Vancouver News-Advertiser in its issue of yesterday had the following: "W. J. McMillan, secretary of the special freight rates committee of the merchants of Vancouver, is in receipt of a telegram from the secretary of the railway commission to the effect that that body is willing to receive and consider a written statement of the case of the Coast merchants, in answer to that of the C. P. R., published in full in these columns the other day."

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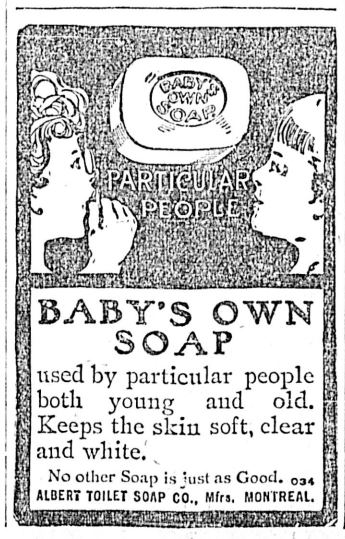

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LOCAL MARKETS

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Appended are the current lists and prices:

RETAIL MARKETS.

Oats, per ton	$28.00
Wheat, per ton	$35.00
Barley, per ton	$27.00
Hay (Island), per ton	$16.00
Hay (Fraser), per ton	$12.00
Straw, per bale	65
Potatoes (Island), new	$20.00
Corn, whole, per ton	$31.00
Corn, cracked, per ton	$32.00
Feed cornmeal	$32.00
Oatmeal, per 10-lb. s.	45
Rolled oats, per 7-lb. sack	35
Hungarian, per bbl.	$6.00
Hungarian, per sack	$1.60
Pastry Flour—	
Snow Flake, per sack	$1.40
Snow Flake, per bbl.	$5.25
Three Star, per sack	$1.50
Three Star, per bbl.	$5.80
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.40
Drifted Snow, per bbl	$5.25
Feed—	
Middlings, per bag of 80 lbs.	$1.10
Bran, per bag of 70 lbs.	90
FRUIT.	
Cooking figs	8 to 10
Figs, Smyrna, per lb.	15 to 25
Valencia raisins, per lb	10
Lemons, California, per doz.	35
Cocoanuts, each	10
New cleaned currants	10
Best Sultanas	15
Best Sultanas, Smyrna	20
California Sultanas	15
Table raisins	25, 35, 50
Oranges, per dozen	50
Oranges, Jap, per box	65
Grapes, per basket	75
VEGETABLES.	
Cabbage, per lb.	3
Tomatoes, per lb.	15
Onions, 8 lbs. for	25
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	$1.00 to $1.25
Cauliflower, per head	10 to 12½
Carrots, per lb.	1½ to 2
DAIRY PRODUCE.	
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per doz.	50
Manitoba, per doz.	30
Fresh cream, per pint	30
Cheese—	
California cheese, per lb.	25
Canadian cheese, per lb.	20
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	25
Best dairy, per lb.	30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	35
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	35
Delta Creamery, per lb.	35
Comox Creamery, per lb.	35
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	35
OIL.	
Coal oil (Pratt's) per can	$1.50 to $1.60
POULTRY, FISH AND GAME.	
Turkeys (local), per lb	30
Turkeys (imported), per lb.	25
Geese, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Ducks, dressed, per lb	20 to 25
Spring chickens, dressed, per lb.	20 to 22½
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50
Rabbits, dressed, each	60 to 75
Hare, dressed, each	75
Fish—	
Cod, salt, per lb	12½
Herring (Holland), salt, per keg	$1.50
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	10 to 12½
Cod, fresh, per lb	8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	8
Salmon, salt, each	15
Salmon, salt, per lb.	10
Herring (Nanaimo), per lb.	6
Mackerel, salt, each	15 to 20
Smelts, per lb.	10
Crabs, each	10 to 12½
Clams, per lb.	3
Oysters, Olympia, pint	50
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	40
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 35
Meats—	
Tongues, per lb	20
Beef, per lb.	8 to 18
Mutton, per lb.	8 to 18
Hams, American, per lb.	22
Bacon, American, per lb.	22 to 27
Bacon, rolled	16
Pork, per lb.	10 to 15
Veal, per lb.	10 to 18
Lamb, per quarter	$1.25 to $1.75

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

In the wholesale business there is little new to chronicle. California grapes have been withdrawn for the season and the energies of the big houses are mostly engaged in fulfilling the retail demand for the Jap oranges. Nearly 3,000 cases of this fruit have been put through the fumigating process already, and there are still many more to be thus purified before they can pass the inspector's eye.

The following quotations are submitted:

American wheat, per ton	$ 33.00
Manitoba feed wheat, per ton	30.00
Oats, Manitoba, per ton	27.00
Oats, Island, per ton	$28.00
Barley, Manitoba, per ton	25.00
Barley, Island, per ton	28.00
Flour, Hungarian, Ogilvie's, Royal Household, per bbl.	5.75
Flour, Hungarian Lake of the Woods Five Roses, per bbl.	5.75
Flour, Hungarian, Moffet's Best	5.35
Flour, pastry flour, Moffet's Drifted Snow, per bbl.	4.40
Bran, per ton	24.00
Shorts, per ton	25.00
Middlings, per ton	28.00
Whole corn, per ton	20.00
Cracked corn, per ton	30.00
Chop feed, best, per ton	25.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$12 to $14
Hay, Island, per ton	$14 to $16
Feed cornmeal	30.00
FRUIT.	
Grapes, California, per crate	$2.25
Grapes, Malaga, per bbl.	$7.75
Grapefruit, per box	$4.00
Cranberries, per bbl.	$15.75
Apples (local), per box	$1.00 to $1.35
Bananas, per bunch	$3.25 to $3.50
Cocoanuts, each	8
Lemons (fancy), per box	$4.50
Lemons (choice), per box	$4.00
Pears (local), per box	$1.50
Grapefruit, per box	$3.75
Oranges, Jamaica, box	$2.50
Oranges, fancy navals	$2.75 to $3.00
VEGETABLES.	
Cabbages, per lb.	1¾
Turnips, per sack	85
Carrots, per sack	85
Parsnips, per sack	$1.25
Beets, per sack	$1.25
Potatoes (Mainland)	16.00
Potatoes (Island)	18.00
Silver Skin onions, per lb	2
Cauliflower, per doz	$1.25
Sweet potatoes, per lb	3¼
Tomatoes (Island),	25
Tomatoes (California),	15
MEAT AND POULTRY.	
Bacon, per lb	17½ to 24
Hams, per lb.	17 to 22
Pork, live weight	7
Pork, dressed	9
Veal, live weight	6½
Veal, dressed	9 to 10
Chickens, spring, per lb. live wgt	14
Chickens, old, per lb.	12½
Turkeys, per lb.	26
Turkeys, live weight	20
PRODUCE.	
Eggs (local) fresh, per doz.	45
Eggs (Eastern), per doz.	26 to 28
Butter (local), creamery	30
Comb honey	18

COUGH REMEDY.

Very few medicines have received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Grateful parents everywhere testify to its merits. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children, as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Lock, of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory, and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale by all druggists.

BUSINESS LOCALS

If you are going East, take the Northern Pacific's popular electric lighted train, the "North Coast Limited."

The Bonita Sewing Machine, a new machine, a good machine, up to date in every particular. See them at Shore's Hardware, corner Government and Johnson streets. *

Hot from the Oven.—Perrin's Fancy Biscuits, Arrowroot, Abernethy, Sultanas, Tea Biscuits, Graham Wafers, Oyster Crackers, 15c per lb. Robinson's. *

Selling out our grocery department. Christmas groceries cheap. Come and we will save you money. Robinson's. *

In view of the recent troubles in New York insurance circles it is a matter of satisfaction to Canadians to know that all Canadian Life Companies are inspected every year by the Dominion government superintendent of insurance. Among these companies the Canada Life (established 1847) stands pre-eminent, its policy contracts are models of liberality, its dividends to policy holders have never been excelled, and its financial standing is the highest on the continent. Let us show you the new G. A. C. plicy. Heisterman & Co., general agents. *

Hastie's Fair, Government street, is now ablaze with Christmas cheer in endless variety and at prices to suit all purses. There is no one born and no fancy so fastidious that it can't be suited at Hastie's fair. *

Peden, the tailor, at 36 Fort street, is offering suits at a very low figure for Christmas week. Any one wishing a good article can get it if they buy one of these suits. The reputation of the firm for doing good work is without question.

If you love your wife lessen her labor by providing her with a universal bread maker. It kneads bread in three minutes and does away with all the hard work. These machines are easy to clean and they are well made. Prices, $3 and $3.50. Don't fail to get one at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas St. *

WESTERN CANADA

is undoubtedly destined to be the most prosperous and influential portion of the whole Dominion. The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada has recognized this fact and invests the bulk of its assets in the West, an additional reason for its immense popularity in British Columbia. S. P. Saunders, Victoria, manager for Vancouver Island. *

Santa Claus entertained the youngsters Saturday afternoon at Wilby's Bazaar, Douglas street, distributing confectionery right and left to the excited little ones. *

"Oh, dear me, mother, have you not seen the lovely display of elegant and handsome furniture in all the newest and most up to date patterns at Blygh's new store, 15 Broad street?" Don't fail to make this one of your most important places of call on your holiday tour. *

A realization sale of watches, jewelry and optical goods is now going on at A. P. Blyth's store, 65 Fort street. A genuine discount of from 15 to 35 per cent. is allowed on every dollar's worth of goods purchased during the progress of this salt. Money saved in this way is nothing more or less than a clean pickup. *

STOCK MARKETS

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—There was confusion in the price moving during today's active stock market and sentiment in speculative circulars was considerably unsettled as to the result. There were spots of progressive strength, principally amongst industrial stocks and some of the high grade stocks of which the floating supply is small. On the other hand active liquidation manifest at one or two points. Notably in Southern Pacific and in the Rock Island and affiliated stocks. The official intimation that the dividend on the preferred stock was to be suspended in January, was efficient explanation of the weakness of the Rock Island share. The heavy selling of Southern was attributed to speculative holders who had counted upon an early establishment of dividend payments on that stock. In the body of the list there was evidence of free selling to take profits under cover of various points of strength. An important advance developed after the appearance of the bank statement but prices subsequently weakened to the lowest and the close was irregular, and not far from the low level. The banks showed the reestablishment of a surplus in reserves amounting to nearly $4,000,000. The improvement in their condition was principally due to the scaling down of their deposits which resulted in a loan contraction of $11,756,800. The cash increase of $3,120,800 proved about as expected. A very heavy demand has developed for remittances to London by next Wednesday's steamer, which is the last to reach London in time for the end year settlements.

Total sales of bonds par value, $1,695,000.

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Buy and sell on commission stocks and bonds on Toronto, Montreal, New York, and London Exchanges. 519 GRANVILLE. Connections: Osler & Hammond, Toronto; Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington, Chicago. Daily quotations Montreal and New York Stocks supplied on request.

New York Bank Statement

(Reported by F. W. Stevenson.)

Reserves on all deposits increased	$ 5,207,600
Reserves less U. S. deposits increased	5,216,925
Loans decreased	11,756,800
Specie increased	692,800
Legal tenders increased	2,428,000
Lepositts decreased	8,347,200
Circulation decreased	208,000

NEW YORK STOCKS.

(Reported by F. W. Stevenson.)

New York, Dec. 16.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
A. T. & S. F.	88	88⅛	87½	87½
Preferred	104½	104½	103⅞	104
B. & O.	112⅞	113	112	112⅝
Preferred	..	..	..	96¾
B. R. T.	91	91⅝	89⅞	90¼
C. P. R.	174⅛	174½	173½	173½
C. G. W.	21¼	21¼	21	21
Erie Ry.	47¾	47⅞	47½	47⅞
Ill. Cent.	176	176	175½	175½
L. & N.	152½	152⅝	151¾	152
Man. L.	163	163	163	163
Met. St. Ry.	121	121½	110½	120
Mo. Pac.	103	103⅛	102¼	102⅞
M. K. & T.	37¼	37¼	36¼	36¾
Preferred	68	68	68	68
N. Y. Cent.	147½	147½	146¼	146⅝
Nor. Pac.	203	203	197	198
N. & W.	85	85	84⅞	85
N. Y. O. & W.	52¼	52¼	52	52
Pennsylvania	141½	141⅝	141	141
Reading Ry.	137¾	138⅝	137½	137¾
Rock Island	23⅜	23⅜	22⅛	22⅜
Sou. Pac.	68¾	68⅞	66¾	67½
St. Paul	180	180⅛	179⅛	179¾
Union Pac.	145⅜	145⅝	144	144⅝
Wabash Ry.	21	21	20⅜	20½
Preferred	41	41	40⅞	40⅞
Amal. Copper	101¾	101⅞	100¾	101
Anaconda	118	188	185½	186¾
Amn. Loco.	69¾	69¾	68¼	68½
Amn. Smelting	163⅞	164	161⅛	162
Amn. Sugar	149¼	151⅞	148¾	151⅞
Cent. Leather	..	..	..	44¼
C. F. & I.	52⅛	54¼	51⅞	53½
Int. Paper	..	..	..	23¼
Nat. Lead	87½	87½	86¼	86¾
Peo. Gas	108⅝	109	107⅛	107⅞
T. C. & I.	143½	144½	143	143
U. S. Steel	38¼	38½	38	38⅛
Preferred	104⅞	105⅝	104⅞	105
Western Union	93	93	92⅝	92⅝

Total sales, 735,600 shares. Money on call 4 per cent.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

(Reported by F. W. Stevenson.)

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The following quotatiols ruled on the Board of Trade today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2—				
Dec.	85⅝	85¾	84⅞	84⅞
May	88⅞	88⅞	87⅞	87⅞
July	84	84	83¼	83⅝
Corn, No. 2—				
Dec., old	46¼	47	46¼	47
New	45⅛	45½	45⅛	45⅜
May	44⅜	44½	44⅛	44⅜
July	44½	44⅝	44⅜	44½
Oats, No. 2—				
Dec.	30¾	31	30½	30¾
May	32½	32⅝	32¼	32¼
July	30¾	30⅞	30⅜	30¾
Pork—				
Jan.	13.00	13.05	13.00	13.02
May	13.25	13.25	13.22	13.25
Liverpool Wheat—				
Dec.	6s. 11½d.			6s. 11½d.
May	6s. 10⅝d.			6s. 10¾d.

STOCKS BONDS

F. W. STEVENSON

Commission Broker

21 Broad Street

GRAIN COTTON

REMARKS FROM A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

"In all my travels I have never seen anything better. The artistic background formed by those twin arches so daintily covered in delicate pink and white, with the foreground in the one window filled with such a complete assortment of everything that is best in wines, whiskies and liqueurs, and in the other window with the finest selection of Christmas fruits it has ever been my privilege to see in a store, not forgetting the happy suggestion of those bunches of grapes festooned on the arches, and last, but not least, the scrolls giving a hearty welcome and seasonable greetings to your customers. Mr. Ross, when I get back to New York I shall have to tell my friends that out here in the far west I saw window dressing superior to anything I have seen in the east."

The foregoing remarks were delivered by a distinguished member of the New York business fraternity as he stood outside the artistically dressed windows of Messrs. Dixi H. Ross & Co.'s store on Government street on Saturday morning. It conclusively proves that we have at least one item in Victoria to call forth praise from critical Eastern visitors.

COLDS CAUSE SORE THROAT

Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world-wide Cold and Grip remedy, removes the cause. Call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove. 25c.

SEMI-READY SACK SUITS

The most generally useful suit ever invented is the sack. From millionaire to clerk it is the favorite dress of the earnest, aggressive man of the business world. It is worn more often than any suit in his wardrobe and permits numberless combinations in colorings and effects. A suit worn so frequently becomes as much a part of you as your walk. Your friends recognize you by it. If it's a Semi-Ready they'll know you still better by the accuracy of the fit and the general air of distinction it gives.

Semi-Ready Sack suits for this fall are from designs of our own artists following the dictates of the regnant fashion. Coats are either single or double-breasted. They slope in at the waist as heretofore, but the flare at the bottom is no longer used. The coats are moderate in length. In single-breasted coats either three or four battons are good form; and the coat of only two buttons will frequently be seen. Vests are either single or double-breasted when of the same material as the coat. It must be noticed, though that fancy vestings promise to be very popular. The new sack trousers are full at the hips.

All that is smart and distinctive is found in Semi-Ready suits and will last. Consistency of shrape is guaranteed by the use of only the best Irish linen canvas linings, which is hand-moulded in coats from the shoulders down. And the clothes are put together to stand the wear and tear of every-day use.

A Semi-Ready sack suit would make a very acceptable Christmas gift. B. Williams & Co., the Semi-Ready agents in Victoria, are showing them at $12, $15, $18 to $20.

NO OPIUM IN CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

There is not the least danger in giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to small children, as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. It has an established reputation of more than thirty years as the most successful medicine in use for colds, croup and whooping cough. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Children like it. Sold by all druggists.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

KING OF ALL COUGH MEDICINES.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects. We are never without it in the house." For sale by all druggists.

Weak Kidneys

It is of but little use to try to doctor the kidneys themselves. Such treatment is wrong. For the kidneys are not usually to blame for their weakness or irregularities. They have no power no self-control. They are operated and actuated by a tiny shred of a nerve which is largely responsible for their condition. If the Kidney nerve is strong and healthy the kidneys are strong and healthy. If the kidney nerve goes wrong, you know it by the inevitable result—kidney trouble.

This tender nerve is only one of a great system of nerves. The system controls not only the kidneys, but the heart, and the liver, and the stomach. For simplicity's sake Dr. Shoop has called this great nerve system the "Inside Nerves." They are not the nerves of feeling—not the nerves that enable you to walk, to talk, to act, to think. They are the master nerves and every vital organ is their slave. The common name for these nerves is the "sympathetic nerves"—because each set is in such close sympathy with the others, that weakness anywhere usually results in weakness everywhere.

The one remedy which aims to treat not the Kidneys themselves, but the nerves which are to blame, is known by physicians and druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. (Tablets or Liquid.) This remedy is not a symptom remedy—it is strictly a cause remedy. While it usually brings speedy relief, its effects are also lasting.

If you would like to read an interesting book on inside nerve disease, write Dr. Shoop. With the book he will also send the "Health Token,"—an intended passport to good health. Both the book and the "Health Token" are free.

For the free book Book 1 on Dyspepsia and the Heart you must Book 3 on the Kidneys, address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. State which Book 5 for Men Book 6 on Rheumatism. Book 4 for Women you want.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

Prepared in both Liquid and Tablet form. For sale at forty thousand drug stores. Mild cases are often reached by a single Package.

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(Opposite Dixi H. Ross)

THIS WEEK

We are placing the whole of our stock of Choice Men's Suits (usual value, **$10, $12, $15** and **$20**), Underwear, Shirts, Hats, Caps, Overcoats and Haberdashery down below the mere cost of production. The prices of everything have been ruthlessly slaughtered

Not Because We Want To But Because We Must

The lease of the store is nearly up, and we shall have to quit.

The goods have to be sold, everything must go WHETHER WE LOSE OR NOT.

OUR NECESSITY IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY, and it is now up to you to take advantage of it while it lasts.

It is not every day or even every year that you can find such phenomenal values as we are offering.

Remember the Address

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E. A. HARRIS & CO.

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FARMS.

$4,000—28 acres, 19 cultivated; good 5 room house, outbuildings, orchard; 5 miles out. Terms.

$2,600—17 acres, all cultivated; good fruit land; 3 miles out.

$3,150—30 acres, 15 cultivated; cottage, orchard; good water; 5 miles out.

$6,200—17 acres, all cultivated; fine 10 room house, orchard; facing sea.

$1,700—8 acres, 2½ cultivated; cottage; 100 fruit trees; 6 miles out; facing sea.

$4,200—20 acres, 12 cultivated; 5 room cottage; 4 miles out. Terms.

$4,500—14 acres, all cultivated; cottage and outbuildings; near sea.

$6,500—150 acres, 45 cultivated; good 11 room house; 2 orchards.

$2,800—110 acres, 10 cultivated; 4 room cottage; fine stream; 6 miles out.

$6,300—230 acres, 100 cultivated; good land.

$3,000—70 acres, all good bottom land, 23 cultivated, 50 fenced, Cowichan.

MUNICIPAL

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH day of December, 1905, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1905," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Lot. 1	Block. 2	Section. 3	Land and Improvements. 4	Assessed Owner. 5	Registered Owner. 6	Total Amount of Taxes due to the 31st Dec., 7	Expenses of Sale 1902, unpaid. 8	Interest. 9	Taxes, Interest and Costs. 10
991	9		L. & I.	Mrs. G. Lawrence	George Roper Lawrence	32 40	3 25	5 85	41 50
992	9		L. & I.	Mrs. G. Lawrence	Prosper Mene	32 80	3 05	4 10	29 95
993	9		L.	G. R. Lawrence	Half lot Prosper Mene, other half title not reg'sd.	21 60	3 04	3 90	28 54
997	17		L.	Frank S. Montero.	Joseph Montero	21 60	3 04	3 90	28 54
1007	17		L. & I.	Frank S. Montero	Joseph Montero	28 80	3 20	5 20	37 20
1081	8		L. & I.	Mrs. M. H. Watkins et al.	John Watkins	24 00	3 10	4 30	31 40
1211	28		L. & I.	Ada Lombard	Ada Lombard	31 20	3 23	5 60	40 03
10 of 1777-91	61		L.	W. J. Hylan	Wm. J. Hylan	20 80	3 03	4 25	28 08
15	27	Beckley Farm	L.	Walter Clarke	Isabella Clark	6 25	2 73	1 10	10 08
Pt. 16 45x	27	Beckley Farm	L. & I.	Walter Clarke	Isabella Clark	8 65	2 78	1 55	12 98
9	East ½	5 acre Lot VI.	L.	Eberts and Taylor	Auguste Pujol	7 20	2 75	1 30	11 25
10	East ½	5 acre Lot VI.	L.	Eberts and Taylor	Auguste Pujol	7 20	2 75	1 30	11 25
48	3	74	L.	Joseph Greer	Eliza Jane Greer	4 32	2 70	75	7 77
5	4	74	L.	Emma Williams	Emma Williams	2 40	2 65	45	5 50
7	Paddons	74	L. & I.	Mrs. M. E. Langley	Mary Edith Langley	45 60	3 50	8 20	57 30
3	2	Oaklands	L.	S. J. Booth	J. A. Booth & L. A. Booth	6 46	2 74	1 55	10 75
W. pt. 42 (23x104	63-72	Spring Ridge	L. & I.	Mrs. M. R. Robbin	Clara O. Haggerty	11 40	2 83	2 05	16 28
3	73	Spring Ridge	L.	Mrs. H. Henderson	Georgina C. Henderson	9 20	2 80	1 90	13 90
11 of 1	7-9	Fernwood	L.	Miss H. E. McLaughlin	Hannah E. McLaughlin	2 91	2 66	50	6 07
12 of 1	7-9	Fernwood	L.	Miss H. E. McLaughlin	Hannah E. McLaughlin	2 65	2 66	45	5 76
15 of 2	7-9	Fernwood	L.	Miss H. E. McLaughlin	Hannah E. McLaughlin	2 25	2 65	40	5 30
38	53 and 64	Fernwood	L.	J. A. Van Tassell	E. C. Stephenson	4 40	2 70	1 05	8 15
39	53 and 64	Fernwood	L.	J. A. Van Tassell	E. C. Stephenson	4 40	2 70	1 05	8 15
1	53 and 64	Fernwood	L.	Mrs. F. Adams	Fred Adams, Jr.	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
55	53 and 64	Fernwood	L.	Archibald Lees	Archibald Lees	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
3	54-5	Fernwood	L. & I.	Trustees Odd Fellows Hall	J. Barker and 58 others	19 68	3 00	3 55	26 23
243	13	" " 'A'	L.	Emma Williams	Emma Williams	9 60	2 80	1 70	14 10
244	13	" " 'A'	L.	Emma Williams	Emma Williams	9 60	2 80	1 70	14 10
3 of 3	7-9	Saanich Ext'ns'n	L.	Sam Wai	Sam Wai	8 28	2 77	1 50	12 55
10 of 4	7-9	Saanich Ext'ns'n	L.	Sam Wai	Sam Wai	6 90	2 74	1 25	10 89
8 of 5	7-9	Saanich Ext'ns'n	L.	H. R. Ella	Henry Reece Ella	8 05	2 75	1 70	12 50
15 of 5	7-9	Saanich Ext'ns'n	L.	H. R. Ella	Henry Reece Ella	8 29	2 77	1 75	12 81
7	8-12	10 Vic. West	L.	John Fraser	John Fraser	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
8	8-12	10 Vic. West	L.	John Fraser	John Fraser	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
57	G	31 Vic. West	L.	James Birney	James Birney	20 70	3 02	4 30	28 02
3 of 10¼ or 3	N	31 Vic. West	L.	J. T. Redding	M. E. Blaquire	1 68	2 64	30	4 62
4 of 10¼ or 4	N	31 Vic. West	L.	J. T. Redding	M. E. Blaquire	1 68	2 64	30	4 62
189	V	31 Vic. West	L.	J. Nagle	Jeremiah Nagle	7 20	2 75	1 30	11 25
55	Springfield	31 Vic. West	L. & I.	Percy A. Raymond	Elizabeth Raymond	13 92	2 88	2 50	19 30

N. B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "L and I" mean Land and Improvements.

Dated this 25th day of November, A. D. 1905, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

CHARLES KENT,

Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

HOCKEY.

Victoria Defeats Nanaimo

What was considered one of the finest games of hockey ever played in this city took place at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon, when the local ladies' team defeated the Nanaimo team by the score of 2—1.

The day was an ideal one for the match and a fairly large number turned out to witness the struggle. The game was refereed by F. Teague, Nanaimo, and C. Wilson. Although the local team won it was no disgrace to the visiting team. In the first part of the game they had decideday the best of the play and it was from no fault of theirs that they did not score.

The visiting forwards were particularly active and gave the local back division all they could do to hold them down and if it had not been for the fact that the back division of the local team improved in their play the score would have been reversed. The score indicates the character of the game, although it was hard luck for Nanaimo to allow the second goal to be scored with only a few minutes to play.

In the first half neither team scored, although both came very close and no score was made in the second half until ten minutes of the time had elapsed. It was shortly after the time advertised that Miss Sehl led her team on the field and all appeared anxious to get in the play. The visitors were not behind and arrived about the same time as the locals, and without any preliminary practice the game was commenced, with the locals defending the western goal.

From the start the visitors rushed the ball down the field, and it was seen that the local backs were not very sure. It appeared as if the visitors would have no trouble in scoring. This, however, was not the case, and after the game had been in progress a short time a decided improvement was noticed in their playing.

From a shot from Mrs. Webb the ball was passed to Miss Clarke by Mrs. Shepard and she carried it down the field, but failed to improve.

The ball was returned to the centre field and both sides took an opportunity to try a shot, but neither tallied, although Nanaimo came within an ace of doing so from a shot by Miss Teague.

The Misses Hardie and Roberts showed that they could play the game by carrying the ball down the field on a niece piece of combination work and centred nicely to Miss Jay. The latter took a difficult shot but failed to improve. The visitors made a number of runs up the field, but Misses Newcombe and Sehl and Mrs. Shepard were too strong and always sent the ball back.

Miss Priestly and Mrs. Webb on the wings of the forward line were very strong and were dangerous all the time, which required the half-backs to give them particular attention.

Half time was called without score. After the usual intermission the game was resumed and it was clearly seen that the locals were playing a better game.

With the locals pressing all the time, Misses Dobeson and Burris at back and Miss Shaw in goal showed splendid playing ability and could be relied on to do their share. Miss Shaw made several fine stops, which set the rooters going, and from then on the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, both ladies and gentlemen taking part in the cheering.

The visitors could not withstand the pressure, however, and from a corner the locals blocked the ball in front of the visitors' goal and a scrimmage ensued.

The locals were the stronger and a goal resulted, but who made the goal it cannot be said.

With one against them the Nanaimo team did not seem to be discouraged and carried the play into the local territory, but Miss Newcombe saved after a nice piece of play on her part. The locals could not keep them out, however, and Miss Priestly received the ball from Miss Escott. She carried the ball down the field and centered in a very neat manner. Miss Buckett stopped the shot but was unable to clear.

A mix-up took place in front of the local goal and in the melee Miss Buckett fell on the ball. A penalty bully was given and Miss Teague, the star centre forward, was sent in against Miss Buckett. The latter secured from the bully but as one of the local players got in the game before the ball was carried out of the shooting area a goal was given to the visitors. This tied the score and the supporters of both teams vied with each other to see who could make the most noise.

It was not long before Miss Newcombe secured and advanced to Miss Hardie. The latter passed it to Miss Roberts, who sent it back to her partner, Miss Hardie and she centered in fine style to Miss Wilson, who scored the winning goal. Time was called shortly afterwards without further score.

To criticize the players would be unfair, as all played their best and did their share towards making the game so close. After the game the two teams were entertained to afternoon tea at the Oak Bay hotel by J. A. Virtue. The affair was an informal one and all who were present enjoyed the refreshments after the hard game.

In the evening the Victoria ladies entertained their guests at a dance in the A. O. U. W. hall. The hall was comfortably filled and all present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Good Practice

The Victoria senior hockey team held a very good practice yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the ladies' game. A large number of players were on hand and a good game was played. The team will practice again this morning and a full turn-out is requested.

FOOTBALL.

Win One, Lose One

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—There were two hard fought games of football between the Vancouver and Victoria junior and intermediate teams this afternoon.

The Victoria juniors were victorious by a score of 6 to 5, but the intermediates were defeated 6 to 0.

The ground was soaking wet and very hard to play on. In the junior struggle the teams were very evenly matched, but the Victoria forwards had a little the best of it and were really responsible for the score. The game was fought out every minute of the time.

In the intermediate match players and spectators thought it was going to be a draw, and it should have been. The teams were evenly matched on both sides and not until 5 minutes before time were the two goals scored by Vancouver. To use an expression of one of the Victoria players, the visiting team "seemed to go to sleep" just at the last, so sure were they that the time was not sufficient for Vancouver to score. But the home team just took advantage of this over-confidence and scored twice in the very limited time at their disposal.

Play a Draw

Ladysmith, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The football game between Ladysmith and the Garrison today resulted in a tie, 2 goals each. There was no scoring done in the first half.

Shortly after the commencement of play in the second half the Garrison scored. Ladysmith evened up, and from then on play was very fast.

The Garrison again scored and maintained its lead until shortly before the whistle was blown, when Ladysmith again registered, the game ending two all.

The match throughout was very interesting, play being fast and clean, only one dispute arising.

Fred Richardson, Victoria, declares it the best game of football he ever witnessed anywhere, he describing it as clean, scientific and fast.

New Zealanders' First Defeat

London, Dec. 16.—Wales defeated the New Zealand football team (Rugby) at Cardiff today by 3 to 0, thus administering to the visitors the first defeat they have sustained during their tour of the United Kingdom.

Nothing like the excitement which marked the result of the match was ever before witnessed on a football field in Great Britain. The forty thousand spectators, assembled from all parts of Wales, went practically wild with joy. This was the twenty-eighth game played by the New Zealanders, of which number they have won 27.

One Goal Each

A friendly game of football was played at Work Point yesterday afternoon between the Royal Engineers and the Capitals and resulted in a draw, each team scoring one goal. The game was very evenly contested and was either team's game until the call of time. All the scoring was done in the first half, Malbon doing the trick for the Capitals and Young for the Royal Engineers.

During the second half the soldiers had slightly the best of the game, and it was only by the good work of the back division of the Capitals that they were prevented from scoring. R. Harvey refereed the game and gave good satisfaction.

Centrals Win

In the junior league game yesterday afternoon the Central school team defeated the team from Victoria West by the score of 4—1. In the first half the Centrals had decidedly the best of the play and scored three goals, while the Victoria West team was unable to tally.

On changing ends, however, the team from the Western suburb gingered up and kept the Centrals on the defensive the greater part of the time, but they were able to score only once, the Centrals also adding another to their score. The game was very fast and some good play was witnessed.

The goals for the Centrals were scored by McInnis and Sargison, both players getting two, while Dickson scored the only point for the Victoria West.

For the losers, Fea, Coburn and R. Brown were the stars and tried hard to avert a defeat.

For the winners, McInnis, Sargison, Campbell and Knox were the bright spots.

The game was refereed by J. Lawson, who gave universal satisfaction.

Practice Today

The members of the Victoria United Football team turned out in force yesterday afternoon and had a good practice. With one or two exceptions all the teams were out and some good work was done with the ball. Another practice will be held this morning. Players are requested to catch the 10 o'clock car from Government street.

CRICKET.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria cricket club, which was held recently, the following interesting report was presented by the secretary, J. C. Barnacle:

"During the season just closed the executive committee met nine times, and the following is the number of attendances made by each member: G. A. Taylor, 8; E. W. C. Hilton, 8; L. S. V. York, 8; L. O. Garnett, 6; A. Martin, 6; R. H. Swinerton, 6; W. York, 6, and the secretary, 9. It is almost impossible to find a committee that worked more harmoniously than this one. Whilst referring to the committee I am sorry to have to inform you that we have lost one of the most energetic workers. I refer to E. W. C. Hilton. It is not necessary to refer to the work that was done by Mr. Hilton, as the members are all well aware of the interest he took in the club and the time which he devoted to its welfare. I think that the club should try and express our gratitude in the most marked manner.

"With regard to the membership of the club, we now have a total of 60 members, all of whom are anxious for the well being of the club. During the past season the club has made great progress and is in a better condition than a year ago. The committtee took advantage of the departure of the navy and purchased the greater part of their cricketing gear, which included a large roller, marquee and seats, all of which have come in very useful. The committee also decided to improve the ground and entered into a contract with Mr. Callow to lay a practice pitch and attend to the centre of the grounds.

"The practice ground was a success, but the committee were of the opinion that the centre portion was not as it should be and we refused to pay him till he satisfied the committee. You are all aware of the result. Notwithstanding the poor work which was done the wicket was carefully taken care of and was very fine during the greater part of the season. During the season a professional coach and groundsman was secured. During the first month his work was highly satisfactory, but during the second month it was decidedly the reverse, so much so that the captain was authorized to discharge him, but when he went to do so he found that he had left. I am of the opinion, however, that if the club were to secure the services of a good man that we should enjoy our cricket the more and the club would be all the better for it.

"During the season the first eleven played 15 matches, winning 12 and losing 3. The Garrison defeated us twice out of six and Seattle defeated us once. Vancouver fell to our credit on both occasions. L. York was easily the first in the batting average, with a record of 41. His figures are: Innings, 16; not out, 4; total, 16; highest score, 91; average 41. In the bowling average W. Yorke took first place, having taken 43 wickets for an average of 7.72. His figures are: Overs 157.4; maidens, 42; runs, 332; wickets, 43; average, 7.72. W. P. Gooch was second, taking 44 wickets for a cost of 8.31.

"I have also to call your attention to the fact that we have lost the services of Mr. Gooch and we will miss him next season.

"The second eleven played 11 matches, winning 6 and losing 5. A. Coles took the batting average with 15.6, and H. R. Cobbett the bowling with an average of 5.5, P. Richardson being second, with 6.93.

During the year we had a representative of the club on the international team to play against the United States. It was a great triumph for L. York to attain this honor and the members of the club were very much pleased to get the news that he had been chosen. Although he did not make his usual century, he showed them in the east that the westerners also know something about the game.

"I have also to record the doings of the club at Portland. As you are all aware, the club won the championship. L. York won the medal for batting, G. A. Taylor the medal for bowling, and Q. H. D. Wardea for wicket keeping. The only medal we did not get was the fielding medal, and the only reason we did not get it was because we had so very little fielding to do, and the players could not show to advantage. On the whole the tournament was a disappointment, both on account of the lack of competing teams and on account of the weather.

"In conclusion, I will take the liberty of mentioning some of the things that should be done for next season: 1st—More esprit de corps among the members. 2nd—A good practice bowler and groundsman engaged. 3rd—A cricket week in Victoria. 4th—The centre portion of the grounds cared for before the opening of the season. All of which is respectfully submitted."

WRESTLING.

Gotch Loses Match

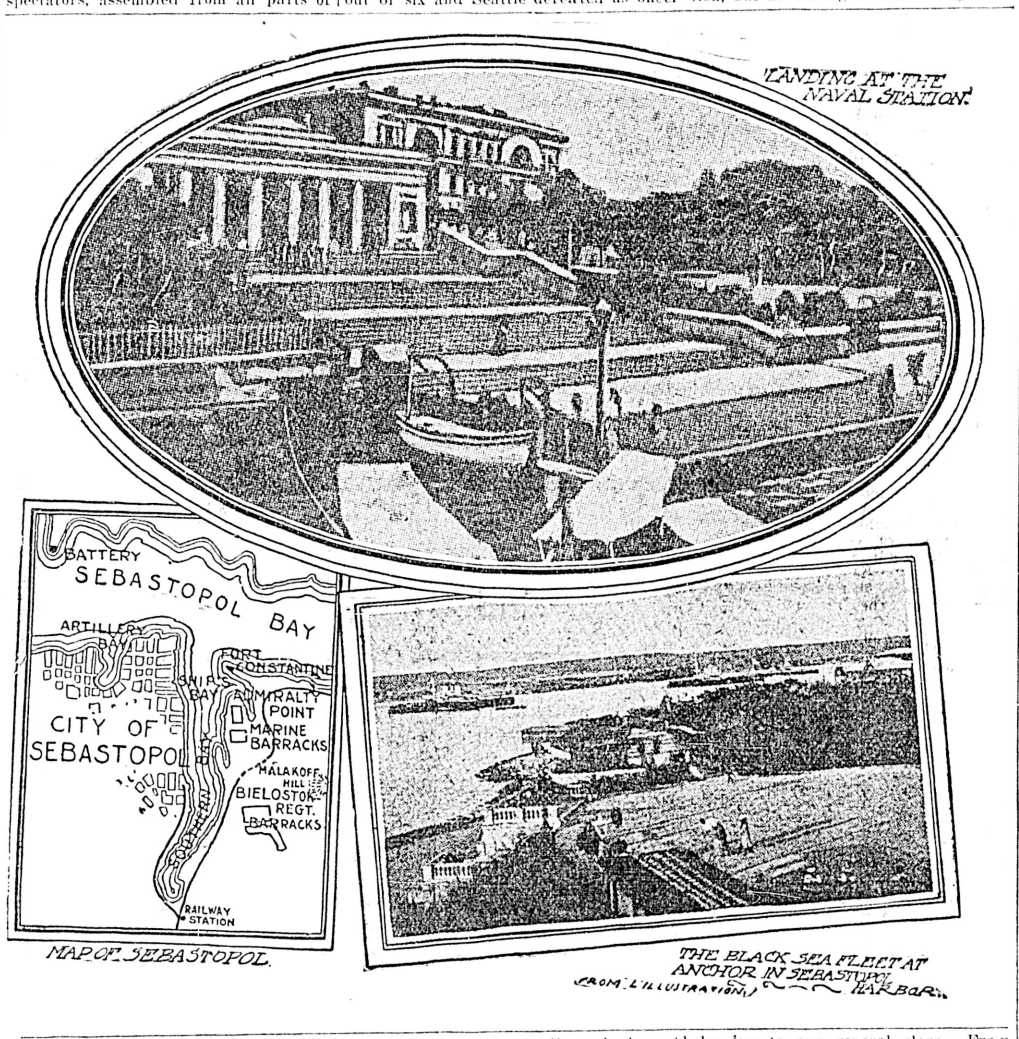
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Frank Gotch of Iowa tonight undertook to throw Charles Conkle of Hamilton, Ontario, the Canadian champion wrestler, twice in half an hour, or forfeit $100. Gotch secured one fall in 18 minutes, but failed to down the Canadian again.

BILLIARDS.

Progress of Tournament

The Driard hotel tournament has now reached the third round and some interesting games are looked for. The game last evening was between F. Deppe (scratch) and J. Reid (rec. 50), and the score resulted in a win for the former by the score of 300 to 241. This leaves A. Gibson (rec. 45), W. Smith (owe 50), W. J. Brown (rec. 20), J. O'Brien (rec. 75), and F. Deppe to contest for the next round.

The first game in the third round will be played tomorrow evening, and a good game is looked for.



SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY

The human body varies greatly in its resistance to electric shocks and healthy men have been killed by a little more than 100 volts, while other men have survived many thousand volts. Nervous affections, heart disease, intemperance and other morbid conditions increase the danger. At a late congress of Austrian medical men, the conclusion was reached from the experience of recent years that death from electricity results from paralysis of the central organs of respiration, and is a special form of suffocation. Though apparently killed, the victim of electric shock is at the first seldom more than asphyxiated. In the Austrian hospitals the treatment is the same as in ordinary suffocation,—a process of artificial respiration,—and many lives are undoubtedly saved in this way, while many others are as certainly lost through failure to apply the remedy in time.

The atmosphere contains a great quantity of solid matter, usually imperceptible, though visible when a ray of sunlight enters a dark room. A. Ditte states that a cubic meter of the air of Paris usually contains 6 to 8 milligrammes of dust, sometimes 23 milligrammes, but away from cities there is less. Nearly a third of the city dust is organic matter containing living germs. The dust usually carries a few metals, sodium, calcium, magnesium, aluminum, and especially iron, with nickel and cobalt, the last three being brought to the air in meteoric dust from space.

The effect of ultra-violet rays of light on some kinds of glass is strikingly shown at high altitudes. At a mountain station of the Canadian Pacific Railway, 5,000 or 6,000 feet high, green glass telephone insulators have changed to brilliant purple.

Meteorites are usually regarded as stones from space, differing in composition, but all having a similar origin and belonging to one general class. From 25 years of observation, the director of the Geological Survey of Mexico, reaches a novel conclusion. Mexico is a region of many meteorites, which range in size from a monster of 27 tons downward, and a study of these stones gives evidence that there are three zones in the country, northern, central and southern, marked by a different class of meteorites for each zone. This opens a remarkable field for speculation. Why certain localities should attract certain meteorites, or why the meteorites select certain places to fall upon, is difficult to guess, and a solution of the problem may show that some meteorites have a terrestrial or local origin.

The possible value of radium to the physician still remains chiefly a matter of conjecture. Two Italians, Tizzoni and Bongiovanni, have satisfied themselves that it has an important influence upon rabies, and that it may act either upon the virus or directly upon the bitten animal. When the virus is exposed for 4 to 36 hours to radium rays, it is converted into a powerful vaccine, injections into a rabbit's eye, overcoming the otherwise fatal effects of inoculations with dog's virus. With a powerful specimen of radium, and direct exposures of several hours, during six days, animals inoculated 48 to 100 hours before treatment were saved, while similarly inoculated animals not treated all died.

Many observations have convinced Mabel S. Nelson, a British psychologist, that men hear better than women, and that both men and women hear farther with the right than the left ear. Men are clearly superior in recognizing blue, and women are possibly superior in recognizing yellow.

The largest grasshoppers are found in South America, where some specimens reach a length of 5 inches, with a spread of wings of 10 inches.

The electric disinfector recently exhibited in London is believed to be the first attempt to use rays of light for killing disease germs in bedding and clothing, as they have been used by Finsen for destroying germs in the skin. The apparatus, specially designed for hotels and hospitals, consists of a metal chamber 7 feet high by 9 feet long and 6 feet wide, fitted with the Dowsing system of heating by means of powerful electric lamps. The bedding and other articles to be disinfected are placed in a rotating cage of five sections in the centre of the chamber. Both light and heat, the temperature being raised to 300 degrees or 350 degrees F., play a part in the germ killing, and steam and chemicals are entirely discarded. In another application, the apparatus is made to free moth-eaten articles from all living moths and eggs.

The importation of injurious birds and mammals into the United States has been carefully guarded against since the passage of the Lacey Act on May 25, 1900. In the five years ending June 30, 1905, the authorities issued 1,591 permits for the entry of 1,006,954 birds (chiefly canaries), 2,846 mammals, and 38 reptiles, and 13 permits for the entry of 6,500 eggs of game birds. Of the consignments, 402 were inspected. No injurious animal is known to have been admitted, but 7 mongooses, 54 flying foxes or fruit-eating bats, 1 koldmeise, 15 blaumeisen and 2 starlings, have been refused entry. At Honolulu, 6 keas were refused entry.

Penny-in-the-slot billiard tables are the idea of an ingenious German. The first coin causes the balls to drop on the table from invisible pockets, and at the end of fifteen minutes one side of the table rises two inches, stopping all play until another payment is deposited.

The small lake of Sewalik, in Alaska, has regular tides, probably due to underground connection with the sea, and the water of the bottom is salt while that of the surface is fresh.

TRAIN HELD UP

Tacoma, Dec. 16.—The Northern Pacific westbound North Coast Limited train was held up tonight at Hillside, near Ellensburg, Washington. The express car was dynamited. No details have been received, but it is said that none of the passengers or trainmen were injured.

A ROYAL MARRIAGE.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—The marriage of the Infanta Maria Teresa, second sister of King Alfonso, to Prince Ferdinand, of Bavaria, has been officially fixed for January 12th. The municipality of Madrid has decided to participate in the extensive festivities which have been planned in honor of the wedding.

KOOTENAY ORE SHIPMENTS.

District Again Sets a New Mark for Week's Work.

Nelson, Dec. 16.—The total shipments of Kootenay district for the week are 33,494 tons, 2,000 tons in excess of shipments of last week, thus again breaking the record of output two weeks in succession.

Boundary is a larger shipper this week by 1,000 tons, and the other 1,000 is contributed by the Slocan and other Kootenay points.

St. Eugene resumed shipping to the Trail smelter, which received this week 823 tons from points outside Rossland, from which camp it received 6,317 tons besides. The chief contributor was St. Eugene, with 545 tons, and Silver King with 146 tons. The Hall Mines smelter received 568 tons and the Marysville smelter 300, the last from the Sullivan mine.

The chief mines shipping to the Hall Mines were Emma of Boundary, 170 tons; Hunter of Ymir, 100 tons. There are 33 mines shipping, six Boundary, five Boundary and twenty-two Slocan, Lardeau and East Kootenay.

A Noted Divine.—Rev. Dr. Fraser of the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver, will preach at St. Andrew's today, the reverend gentleman having exchanged pulpits for the day with the Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Rev. Mr. Fraser is recognized as one of the most gifted clergymen of the Terminal City, which fact no doubt accounts for the size of the congregations to which he preaches every Sunday. These, it may be stated, are only limited by the capacity of the church, and not infrequently late comers are unable to gain admittance.

O. B. Ormond's book and stationery store on Government street, opposite Trounce avenue, commences a big clearing sale of their entire stock and business tomorrow (Monday) morning. Mr. Ormond announces his intention to sell either en bloc or piecemeal. There is a large lending library in connection with this business, of all the best and latest books from leading authors. A good opening is here offered to any person wishing to embark in business. Mr. Ormond's reason for selling out is ill health. See ad. in another column for particulars*

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DOUGLAS—In San Francisco, December 11, Marcus T., beloved son of Adam and the late Elizabeth Alice Douglas, and brother of E. C. and P. H. Douglas and the late R. W. Douglas, Mrs. T. W. Carter, jr., of Victoria, B. C., and Mrs. J. M. Burke of Berkeley, Cal.; a native of Victoria, B. C.; aged 27 years 6 months and 18 days.

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WILLIAM REID IS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Bartender Must Answer Judge on Charge of Forgery by Raising Check.

William Reid, bartender, was yesterday committed for trial on the charge of forgery, it being charged that he raised an order from $5 to $100. R. Ody of Duncans gave evidence that he deposited $600 in care of Reid behind the bar of the Prince of Wales saloon and went to the house of a woman with Reid, where they bought drinks. It was necessary for Ody to get more money, and Reid agreed to go to the saloon and get it, Ody giving an order for $5. Next day when he called for the money he was given $500 and an order for $100. He had signed an order for $5.

Ody also gave evidence of an arrangement with Joe Brown, one of Reid's employers, to stop $80 from Reid's wages, at the rate of $10 a month, he having agreed with Reid to settle for $80, thus losing $20. He thought he would not be able to secure the money, though, and had taken the matter to the police.

Detective Palmer told of an interview with Reid, in which the bartender said he had raised the order at the request of Ody. He said the money had been blown in, and he didn't know what the detectives wanted to "butt in" for. The matter had been adjusted between he and Ody. He thought Ody was a poor kind of a man to blow his money and then squeal. In another interview on James Bay causeway Reid had asked, "What are you fellows going to do about this thing?"

The witness said he was going to see the Attorney-General about it.

"What's he got to do with it?" replied Reid; "it's settled. Ody and I fixed that," continued Reid. "I didn't steal his money."

The detective said: "It's a funny thing that you should sign a settlement."

Reid replied, "I signed a paper for $80; I'd sign one for $800 rather than go to jail. Ody must be a poor one to roar at this stage of the game."

Detective Perdue told of another conversation with Reid, in which the accused said Ody had got value for his money and shouldn't squeal."

Witness asked: "Did he get value for the $20 he's given you?"

Reid replied: "Didn't he get my friendship? I've bought a meal ticket."

Reid made no statement, reserving his defence. He was committed for trial.

Mr. Moresby appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Higgins for the defence.

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RITHET'S REPORT.

Statement of Freight Market for the Month of November.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rithet and Co., for November, which has just been issued, says: "The grain freight market remains in about the same position as noted in our last circular, with only a few charters to record. Lumber rates are firmer—as will be seen from the quotations given below—and the demand for lumber is good, at advancing prices. The annexed list shows a fair number of charters. We quote freights as follows: Grain.—San Francisco to Cork, nominal; Portland to Cork, 25s. to 27s. 6d.; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, 26s. 3d; lumber.—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 35s.; Melbourne or Adelaide, 37s. 6d. to 40s.; Port Pirie, 37s. 6d. to 40s.; Fremantle, 46s. 3d. to 47s. 6d.; Shanghai, 38s. 9d. to 40s.; West Coast, S. A., 42s. 6d.; South Africa, 52s. 6d. to 55s.; U. K. or Continent, 57s. 6d. to 60s.

NEW LINER LAUNCHED.

Ocean Steamship Bellerophon Successfully Launched at Liverpool.

Another of the big Holt liners for the Liverpool-Victoria route has been launched. A few days ago news was given of the launching of the Bellerophon which will be added to the Blue Funnel steamers coming to Victoria.

"An important addition was made to the well known fleet of the Ocean Steamship company, Ltd., of Liverpool, by the launching of a large twinscrew steamer from the north yard of Messrs. Workman, Clark & Co., Ltd., Belfast. This new vessel, now known as the Bellerophon, has a gross tonnage of upwards of 9,000 tons, and is one of four that is being built of the same class for these owners. The cargo space is divided into seven very large holds, all of which are absolutely free from obstruction, the decks being supported by heavy fore and aft girders. This system of construction affords clear space in the holds for the reception of the bulkiest type of consignments that may be shipped. Another striking feature of this vessel is the absence of masts, the derricks being stepped and swung from specially built derrick posts, which serve also as hold ventilators. Access to the holds is by nine large hatchways, equipped with twenty-six steam winches of the most powerful type and other appliances of the most approved type for rapidly dealing with the cargo. Accommodation for captain, officers and engineers is provided in large steel deckhouses amidships, four stories high, and for petty officers abaft the engine casing while quarters for the seamen are ranged in a steel deckhouse at the after end of the upper deck and for firemen at the after end of the main deck. Arrangements are being made in the forecastle and also on the main deck aft for carrying a large number of emigrants, for whom every convenience will be provided. The propeling machinery consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines, with steam from double-ended multitubular boilers, working at a pressure of 190 pounds to the square inch."

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BOILED—Smoked Corned Beef, Piquant Sauce.

ENTREES—Oyster Patties. Royal Saute, French Truffle Sauce. Salmi of Duck, with Olives. Caviar on Toast. Kirsch Omelette.

ROASTS—Young Turkey, with dressing. Loin of Pork, Apple Sauce. Prime Roast Beef au jus.

VEGETABLES—Brussels Sprouts. Stewed Tomatoes. Boiled, Mashed and Baked Potatoes.

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IN COLLISION.

Umatilla and George E. Billings Come Together at Tacoma.

While at Tacoma on Friday the steamer Umatilla collided with the schooner George E. Billings during a heavy fog. The schooner was loading lumber when the Umatilla ran into her. While the steamer escaped injury, the Billings was quite seriously damaged, it is believed. However, only a survey will determine the extent of the injuries.

For the purpose of learning the exact nature of the injury and to have the necessary repairs made the schooner will be towed to the drydock at Port Winslow. The schooner has been at the Tacoma mill since November 21, loading for Sydney. Her holds are about full of cargo and part of this will have to be discharged, as she is damaged below the water line.

Hazel Davenport, with the Roscian Comic Opera Co.

WITTE TO ZEMSTVOISTS.

Premier Insists That Emperor's Manifesto Must Be Carried Out.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The bureau of the Moscow zemstvo congress has received Premier Witte's reply to the zemstvoist memorial, which the council of ministers has discussed. Count Witte says that the council has decided that its foremost duty is to carry out the emperor's will as expressed in the manifesto of October 30th. Therefore no consideration can be given to petitions or resolutions going beyond the limits of the manifesto nor can measures be undertaken which might affect the rights of the national assembly before it meets. The adoption, however, of temporary measures to assure the liberties granted by the manifesto is not prohibited.

The reply adds that the continued troubles revolts and open acts of the revolutionists against the authority of the state and integrity of the empire don't permit the government to dispense with the enforcement of the exceptional measures taken in certain localities. Regarding the question of the support of the government by one or the other of the different parties the government's only care at the present moment is that all classes of society should realize the consequences which may ensue from their disinclination to support the authority of the state.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

Greatly Needed Witness Unable to Leave Paris Owing to Sickness

Paris, Dec. 16.—John C. McCall, son of John A. McCall, president of the New York Insurance Company, who came to Paris for the purpose of having Andrew Hamilton, the former confidential legislative representative of the insurance company at Albany accompany him back to New York, sailed alone today on the French line steamer LaLorraine from Havre. Mr. McCall took with him Mr. Hamilton's report concerning his connection with the insurance company affairs.

The following statement was furnished from an authoritative source: "Mr. McCall found upon his arrival there that Mr. Hamilton was under the care of Dr. Roviere, a famous specialist. Mr. McCall delayed his departure at Mr. Hamilton's request in order to see if the treatment would enable Mr. Hamilton to return but the doctor finally stated that the trip Mr. Hamilton contemplated and his return to active business would surely be followed by a serious illness. Therefore absolute rest for several months will be necessary."

Hamilton Will Send Statement

In lieu of his return Mr. Hamilton has prepared and sent a full and explicit statement covering his connection with the affairs of the insurance company. It is understood that Mr. Hamilton's response to the legislative committee takes the form of going over the entire ground of the investigation. Both Mr. McCall and Mr. Hamilton declined to go into details of the report on the ground of courtesy to the committee. However it is clear that the report was taken to the United States today and that it embraces a statement of Mr. Hamilton's operations in his connection with the New oYrk Insurance Company.

The Fund Closed.—The subscription list in aid of the sufferers from the Russian massacres closed on Friday. Mr. Salmon reports the total subscriptions amounts to $697. This amount has been forwarded to Messrs. N. M. Rothschild in London. Lord Rothschild is treasurer of the combined communities. All amounts have been collected and relief funds are forwarded to the British consuls in Russia, who act as bursers. Relief is afforded without distinction of creed, as there are case where many Christians have suffered at the hands of those responsible for the terrible crimes against humanity. Mr. Salmon, representing the Hebrew community here, expressed his gratification at the result of the local subscription and said he was of the opinion that it spoke well for Victoria.

SPENCER'S ARCADE IS ANIMATED

Busy Scenes In Departmental Store—Business Ahead of Last Year.

Spencer's Arcade presented a brisk appearance yesterday. The great department store was thronged; on each of its floors, large numbers of shoppers made their way from counter to counter, from department to department. Any visitor who looked into the big emporium might have imagined himself in the great departmental stores of eastern centres so animated and full of bustling humanity was the scene, and such was the remark made by a visitor yesterday.

Business is better at this time this year than in any previous year of the great store, according to a statement made yesterday by one who is in a position to know. It is stated, moreover that not only is the holiday shopping larger than ever, but the general business of the store is greatly in excess of previous years. The advance made this season will be in a much larger percentage than that of last year.

The Arcade has been tastefully decorated for the Christmas shopping. Arches and bells have been arranged in many places; and a notable feature of the decorations is a notable feature of ing the olive branches awaiting the coming of Santa Claus by the generally supposed route—the chimney. There are, too, many new departments in the big store, notably the candy booth. The book department is exceedingly well stocked and the toy department is the mecca of all those of tender years, also others who are accumulating wares from this department to gladden the children on Christmas morning.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

Tomorrow (Monday) evening the recently formed Presbyterian union will hold its first social gathering in St. Andrew's church at 8 o'clock. All members and adherents of the Presbyterian church, whether connected with any of the local churches or not, are warmly invited to be present. A very attractive and helpful programme has been prepared, and the musical part is in very capable hands. Mr. Jesse Longfield will preside at the organ and will be ably seconded by some of the best talent in the city. A feature of the early part of the evening will be an address on "Some Problems Confronting the Church." Those who heard Dr. Fraser at the theological conference in May will realize that a subject like this will receive from him very thoughtful treatment. Dr. Fraser is pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver.

At the close of the programme refreshments will be prvided by the ladies, and as the object of the gathering is largely for social purposes, a very fine opportunity will thus be afforded all to mingle together and accomplish the object of the union.

In many of the large cities of Canada and the United States Presbyterians have formed themselves into such unions and have accomplished great good in furthering church work and in helping to forward social and philanthropic schemes for the benefit of the community.

Subjoined is the programme for Monday evening:

Singing—"Old Hundred" ....Congregation
Reading of Scripture and Prayer.....
..... Rev. J. McCoy, M. A.
Chorus—"Sing Unto the Lord" (Simper) ..... Choir
Words of Welcome..Rev. W. L. Clay, B.A.
Solo—"Fear Ye Not, O Israel" (Beck)
..... Mr. J. G. Brown
Address—"Some Problems Confronting the Church"..Rev. W .H. Fraser, D.D. [Vancouver]
Solo—"Through the Day" (Richardson)
..... Mrs. Staneland
Paper—"Alms and Objects of the Presbyterian Union" .....
Recitation and Air—"If With All Your Hearts" (Mendelssohn) .....
.....Mr. J. L. Gibson
Chairman's Remarks .....Chairman
Solo, with Violin Obligato—"The Day Is Ended" (Bartlett)..Miss Q. McCoy
Singing—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ..... Congregation
Prayer and Benediction .....
.....Rev. Dr. Campbell
Refreshments.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Fire at Montreal—Church Burned at Markdale.

Markdale, Ont., Dec. 16.—The Methodist church here was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, $10,000; insurance, $7,000.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Three more employees of the John MacDonald Company have been committed for trial for stealing goods.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Fire at an early hour this morning did damage to the amount of $50,000 to the building and contents of the British Import Company, Gilmour, Nephew & Co., and the Salada Tea Company, St. Paul street.

ATTEMPT ON LOUBET.

Infernal Machine Found on Board of President's Train.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Journal this morning says that an infernal machine was found on the train on which President Loubet was proceeding from Harlyn with a shooting party. It consisted of a preserve can, cylindrical in shape, with a fuse attached, which apparently had gone out. A railroad employee saw the bomb through the window of a car at St. Norla while the engine was being shunted. The Marseilles authorities and Paris dectective headquarters were immediately apprised of the incident and an investigation was begun. The public prosecutor and examining magistrate, Mangin Bouquet, the paper states, will go to Saint Nom today with military engineers and examine the bomb, which weighs about a pound.

KAISER'S THOUGHTFULNESS.

His Majesty's Kindly Reception of Returning Japanese Prisoners.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Emperor William's adjutant, Lieut Von Plessen met the Japanese prisoners of war who are passing through Germany from Russia early today with a large supply of chocolate and cigarettes and for the officers bouquets of chrysanthemums. There were 1,728 men and 58 officers and they were greatly touched by the emperor's thoughtfulness. Besides Von Plessen, Baron Von Bem Knezbeck, master of ceremonies of the empress and representative of German Red Cross, and the Japanese minister and his staff were at the station and shook hands with officers while grooms of the emperor distributed the presents.

The big sale of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings going on of S. Reid & Co.'s bankrupt stock are being sacrificed at prices much less than the cost of production. The red flag has been raised over the door, and it is the determination of the management of this immense stock of goods to clear them all out at once, at any cost.

LOCAL NEWS

New Northern Hotel.—Word was received from the North by the steamer Amur that the Hotel Stedman was opened at Ketchikan on December 4. The new hotel is owned by T. F. Stedman and is one of the finest hotels in the North. Many of the passengers who arrived on the Amur were guests at the new hostelry for several days awaiting the arrival of the steamer.

North Ward Activity.—The regular weekly meeting of the North Ward Municipal association on Tuesday evening next, promises to be a very warm session. Among the questions discussed will be the year's work on the sewers, sidewalks and streets. This theme alone is expected to give ample scope for discussion, and it is expected that full advantage of the opportunity will be taken by the rivals for office, as well as the ratepayers. Jas. A. Grant, secretary, extends an invitation to all the present aldermen, as well as any prospective candidates to be present with all the aldermen and others who intend running for office present, it is almost a certainty that there will be "something doing."

Pilotage Board—A conference of the pilotage authorities of the province was held on Friday in the Board of Trade rooms, Vancouver. Those in attendance were: R. H. Alexander, C. G. Major and Frank Burnett Sr. of the Vancouver-New Westminster district; A. B. Fraser, Joshua Kingham and Captain John Cox of Victoria, and T. O'Connell and Tulley Boyce of Nanaimo. Captain C. Gardiner-Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the local pilotage authority, acted as secretary of the combined meeting. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing general matters affecting the pilotage regulations and several proposed changes in the regulations submitted to the Dominion government. R. G. Macpherson, M. P., and J. B. Kennedy, M. P., were in attendance at the meeting.

Find of Fossils.—During his visit to Nanaimo some weeks ago Dr. Poole, the government geologist secured several fine specimens of fossil clams. Since then word has been received from Ottawa that in all probability two entirely new specimens have been found in the lot. Today Mr. Budge who was instrumental in getting the fossils for Dr. Poole, ran across two more splendid "finds." They are fossil clams at the extraordinary weight of twenty pounds. They were found at Departure Bay. Mr. Budge will forward them to the geological department at Ottawa for analysis. It is thought that one of them is another variety hitherto unknown to Canadian scientists in the gulf region. Around Nanaimo there are many rare varieties of fish fossils unknown to Canadian scientists. There are several specimens found there that are known not to exist elsewhere.

Victoria College Lecture.—The fifth lecture of the Victoria College course was delivered on Friday evening by Mr. Napier Denison of the meteorological service, to a large and appreciative audience. The subject, "Volcanoes," was illustrated by numerous lantern slides. Among the interesting points touched upon were the various types of volcanic action, including Stromboli, Vesuvius, Solfatara, Marthinique and Krakatoa; the material erupted; steam the main explosive force; the probable cause of the presence of such quantities of water in the molten rock within the earth. With few exceptions all volcanoes are either situated on continents near the sea or upon islands, and in three chief ridges extending north and south where the earth's crust has been broken through and extensive upheavals have occurred.

Fish Curing Project.—J. J. Godfrey, of the legal firm of Godfrey & Pottenger, has just returned from a trip to England, where he has been endeavoring, with a fair amount of success, to interest capital in a large fish-curing scheme for the Vancouver district, says the News-Advertiser. The proposed working capital of the company is stated at $750,000. During Mr. Godfrey's visit he succeeded in interesting Mr. W. Horne-Payne, a leading shareholder of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, and Mr. J. Buntzen, managing director of the same company. It is the intention of Mr. Godfrey to lay the matter before the council of the board of trade at its next meeting. The operations of the proposed company comprise the handling of all kinds of deep-sea fish, exclusive of salmon, and the idea is to have the works established near Vancouver, though the head office of the company will be in London, Eng.

OBITUARY

The body of the late James Colbert has been removed to the family residence, 17 Stanley avenue, and the funeral has been arranged to take place on Tuesday afternoon.

Robert Anderson of Saanich road, near Victoria died of peritonitis at the Barkerville hospital, November 30th. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. A. Mitchell at 2 p. m., December 3.—Mr. Anderson was well known and highly respected in the early days, he and Wm. Adams were partners in the long tunnel on Snashoe creek and on Burns creek. From 1890 to 1898 he was sergeant-at-arms of the legislative assembly.

Marcus Tyndal Douglas, died in San Francisco Monday. He was a native of Victoria and a brother to Mrs. T. W. Carter of this city.

The remains of the late Capt. Rupert Cox, arrived from Vancouver last evening. The funeral will take place from Hanna's parlors this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the interment being at Ross Bay cemetery.

Yesterday morning the funeral of William Withers formerly mate on the steamship Thistle took place from Hanna's parlors. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Thompson.

W. G. Cameron, the clothier, 55 Johnson street, is offering big inducements in men's and boy's clothing and furnishings for the holiday trade. What is more sensible and at the same time more becoming than a brand new suit, a new hat, cap or overcoat for a Christmas present? Start in on the new year clothed in new garments and new promises of good behavior for the year 1906.

Sea & Gowen's, the place to get handsome and up-to-date gents' furnishings, and headquarters for Dent's and Perrins' fine kid gloves.

Stoddart, the big Yates street jeweler, is now in the very heat of his Christmas sale. Look at his quotations in this morning's issue, in high-grade watches, clocks, silverware, diamond rings, brooches, etc. Every timepiece is guaranteed. A record breaker on time.

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We have just unpacked a choice selection of Neck Furs, Muffs, etc. They make most useful and desirable Xmas Gifts. From $1.25 up.

LADIES' GLOVES

A Glove Gift is always appreciated, especially when they are

Perrins Guaranteed

NOTE THE PRICES FOR XMAS

$1.00 $1.25 $1.50

Lined Kid Gloves, Fur Tops

$1.00 $1.25 $1.50

Handkerchiefs

PLAIN HEMSTITCH

40c Per Dozen. 3 for 10c

Lace Edged Handkerchiefs, 5c each
Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12½c each
Initialled Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c each

Cushion Tops

We have a large and very fine selection of Lithoed Cushion Tops. These we are offering at the very low price of 30c each. They are new goods, new designs.

Work Baskets

What better gift for mother, wife or daughter? We have a very fine assortment at 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c and 75c each. Lovely Handkerchief Boxes at 75c up. Pretty Collar and Cuff Boxes at 75c up. Useful fitted Workboxes at $1.75.

Ladies' Belts

In all shades and at all prices from 35c up.

Dainty Opera Bags

Which make a truly delightful present. From $1.75 up.

Lace Scarfs from 15c up. Pretty Wool Shawls for mother, 55c up. Up-to-date Neckties for father, 25c up.

Umbrellas

We are offering a new consignment at 75c and $1.00, embracing all the most fashionable handles.

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Clearing Sale

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STODDART'S

Jewellery Store

Yates Street

8.50 (8-day) Cathedral Gong, Marbleized Ebony Mantel Striking Clocks from.$6.

8.50 (8-day) 12-inch Dial, Hanging Striking Clocks, from.....$5.00

4.00 (8-day) Shelf Clocks, striking hour and half hour $2.25

2.50 Spasmodic Alarm Clocks $1.75

1.25 Waterbury Alarm Clocks $1.00

1.25 Ingersoll Watches, warranted 1 year 90c

1.75 Ingersoll Watches, stemwind $1.25

We are Selling

Silver Stemwind Watches, 15 Ruby Jewels, for $5.00

7 Jewel Silver Watches, from..... 3.50 to $4.00

25.00 Diamond Rings, without flaws, perfect white, for..... $17.50

Prices of all other articles of Jewellery, Gold and Silver Watches greatly reduced

The highest grade of Waltham, Elgin and other celebrated Watches perfectly adjusted to time, temperature and position.

Elgin Veritas, 23 Ruby and Diamond Jewels, the highest quality made, reduced to $30.00

Waltham Vanguard, 23 Ruby and Diamonn Jewels, highest quality made, reduced to $30.00

This is Our Clearing Sale

These prices hold good until the end of the year, and cannot be repeated. Customers will find that buying at once will have better choice. Any article can be chosen on small deposits until the end of the year.

Stoddart's Bargains this Christmas will be found greater than ever, and an extra 10 per cent. will be taken off all cash purchases

STORE OPEN MONDAY 8:30 A. M.

DAVID SPENCER, Limited

WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE

We expect evero counter and table will be surrounded by a crowd from morning till evening on Monday. We don't want to have a fancy article left after the end of the week.

A Revelation in Silverware for Gifts

The remarkable value we offer Monday will make this section of the store the talk of Victoria.

$3.500 Worth of Silver for $15,00

When we reduce a line of goods we go to the extreme, and the result is a quick clearance in every case.

$.50 to $4.75 Articles $1. $3.75 to $7.50 Articles $2.50. $7.50 to $18.75 Articles $5.00

2 Cream Pitchers	$2.50
7 Vases	$1.50 to 75
3 Sugar Sifters	2.00 to 2.75
1 Candle Stick	2.75
1 Marmalade Dish	2.75
5 Bon Bon Dishes	$1.50 to 2.75
1 Cake Dish	4.75
1 Pin Tray	1.50
1 Trinket Box	1.50
5 Toast Racks	$1.50 to 2.00
1 Tea Pot	6.75
1 Spirit Lamp	1.50
2 Fancy Glass Dishes	4.75

Monday = = 10c each

2 Toast Racks	$4.50 and $4.75
1 Candle Stick	8.75
1 Toast and Egg Rack	4.50
1 Vinegar and Oil	3.75
1 Razor Strap	3.50
1 Individual Cruet	2.50
1 Sugar Bowl	4.50
6 Syrup Jugs	$3.75 to 5.00
1 Cake Stand	4.50
2 Bon Bon Dishes	$3.75 and 5.00
1 Silver Tray	5.75
2 Cruets	$3.75 and 4.75
1 Atomiser	4.50
1 Champagne Cooler	6.50
1 Sugar Sifter	6.50
1 Sugar Bowl	5.75
1 Cream Pitcher	5.75

Monday = = = $2.50

12 Candle Sticks	$5.75 to $12.50
1 Silver Stuce Boat	9.50
1 Chafing Dish	19.00
2 Salad Dishes	$9.50 and 12.00
1 Gravy Boat	8.75
1 Tea Pot	12.00
1 Hot Water Jug	13.75
1 Syrup Jug	12.50
1 Egg and Toast Rack	6.75
1 Smoking Set	10.00
1 Cruet	12.00
1 "	7.50
1 Egg and Toast Rack	7.50
1 Vinegar and Oil	7.50
2 Cake Baskets	$9.50 and 12.50
1 Marmalrde and Cruet	7.50
1 Sugar and Cream	7.50
1 Entree Dish	12.50
1 Syrup Jug	9.75

$5.00 = = = Each

1 4-piece Set, regular $32.50 Monday	$14.50
1 4-piece Set, regular $45.00 Monday	$19.50
1 Kettle and Lamp, regular $27.40 Monday	$14.50
1 Kettle and Lamp, regular $28.75 Monday	$14.50

4 Flower Bowls on Ebony Stands	$6.50 to $12.50
2 Pickle Jars	7.50 & 8.75
4 Cruits	8.75 to 14.50
1 Candle Stick	7.50
2 Silver and China Cake Baskets	6.75 & 7.50
1 Cnt Glass and Silver Syrup Jug	7.50
1 Silver and China Cruit Basket	8.75
1 Silver and China Individual Breakfast Set	14.50
1 Silver Tray	14.50
1 Coffee Pot	19.50
3 Three piece Sets	10.00 to 12.50
1 Kettle and Lamp	12.50

$5.00 - - - - - - Each

1 Three-piece Set. regular	$17.50
1 " "	19.50
1 " "	18.75
1 " "	18.50
1 " "	11.00

Monday - $10.00

Here's the Capital of Toylend!

MANY DOLLS, TOYS AND GAMES

THE GOOD KINDS OF DOLLS' BUGGIES

We have Dolls' Buggies at $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.50, $4.75, $8.00 and $9.75.

The $3.50 Buggy is lined with cotton crepe de chene, parasol of the same material, and has a rolled wicker edge.

The $8.00 and $9.75 Buggies are very handsome wicker buggies, upholstered in velvet; satin parasols and rubber tires.

We have Go-Carts at $1.00, $2.50, $4.75, $7.50 and $9.75.

The Go-Cart at $1.00 is a very nice wicker one.

The $2.50 Go-Cart is lined with fancy cotton crepe de chene, with parasol of same material.

The $9.75 Go-Cart is very handsomely upholstered in velvet with satin parasol, rubber tires, etc., and has an adjustable back that can be let down and made into a buggy.

DOLLS' FURNITURE

Dressers, 35c., $1.00 and $1.75.
China Closets, 35c., $1.00 and $1.75.
Cheffonieres, 35c., $1.00 and $1.75.
Linen Closets, 35c., $1.00 and $1.75.
Sets of Table and 4 Chairs, 50c.
Dolls' Houses, $2.00 to $14.00.
Parlor Sets, $1.00.
Gilded Bedroom Sets, $1.25 and $1.50.
Gilded Bedroom Sets and Parlor Sets combined, $1.50.
Dolls' Nursery, Bed, Bath and Baby in Carriage, 75c.

MECHANICAL TOYS

We have Mechanical Toys from 25c. to $1.50, including Alligators, Clowns, Automobiles, Animals of all kinds, Barbers, Nurses, Cabs, etc.
Clockwork Trains from 25c. to $13.50.
Trains with Track, from 50c. to $13.50.
Electric Tramcars and Track, $19.50.

REAL LACE COLLARS

A Gift that would be appreciated

Venetian Lace Collar with Stole Ends, $9.50.
Honiton Lace Collar with Stole Ends, $7.50.
Honiton Lace Sailor Collar, $6.50.
Round Battenburg Collar, $3.50.
Battenburg Bertha, $5.75.
Eyelet Embroidery Collar on Mull, $3.75.
Heavy Irish Linen Lace Collar, $5.00.
Real Silk Maltese Lace Collar, cream, $5.00.
Real Silk Maltese Lace Collar, black, $3.50.
Real Lace Bertha, white, $10.00.
Renaissance Lace Collar, white, $5.00.
Cream Lace Cape Collar, $10.00.
Very large Irish Lace Collar, white, $10.

REAL LACE HANDKERCHIEFS

Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs, from $2.75 to $18.00.

Rose Point Lace Handkerchiefs, from $10.00 to $25.00.

Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, from $2.75 to $7.50.

FANS

Mother-of-Pearl on white chiffon, with ivory handle, $12.50.

Real Duchesse Lace, with silver sequins, pearl handle, $35.00.

White Spangled Fan, fancy ivory handle, $20.00.

Black Chiffon Fan, spangled, with silver sequins, $15.00.

White Lace Fan, silver sequins, pearl handle, $25.00.

Green and Gold Chiffon Fan, silver spangles, $15.00

Black Chiffon, with mother-of-pearl and sequins, $12.50.

These are a few of the best; besides these we have a varied assortment in black, white and colors, prices ranging from $1.50 to $7.50.

We draw your especial attention to our stock of

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Even this high grade at populor prices

YELLOW ROSE PATTERN

Teacups, $9.00 per dozen.
Chocolate Cups, $9.00 per dozen.
Tea Pots, $1.75.
Chocolate Pots, $3.00.
Sugar Basin, $1.25.

PINK ROSE PATTERN

Chocolate Cups, $15.00 per dozen.

WHITE GROUND WITH SPRAY OF PINK CARNATIONS, TINTED WITH GOLD

Teapots, $2.00 each.
Chocolate Pots, $3.50 each.
Cream Pitchers, $1.25 each.
Sugar Bowls, $1.50 each.
Chocolate Cups, $10.80 dozen.
Coffee Cups, $12.00 per dozen.
Teacups, $7.80 per dozen.
Fruit Dishes, $1.50 and $2.50 each.
Tea Plates, 65c. each.
Cake Plates, 90c. each.

WHITE GROUND WITH PINK CLOVER PATTERN

Teacups, $9.00 per dozen.
Chocolate Cups, $12.00 per dozen.
Coffee Cups, $9.00 per dozen.
Creams, $1.00 each.
Sugars, 90c. each.
Sugars, $1.75 each.
Fruit Dishes, $1.75 each.
Spoon Holders, $1.00 each.
Chocolate Pots, $3.50 each.
Bread Plates, $2.50 each.

WHITE GROUND WITH PALE BLUE SPRAY

Tea Cups, $4.50 per dozen.

WHITE GROUND WITH PALE PINK SPRAY

Tea Cups, $4.50 per dozen.
Chocolate Cups, $7.20 per dozen
Coffee Cups, $6.00 per dozen.
Sugars, 50c. and $1.50 each
Creams, 65c. each.
Chocolate Pots, $2.00 each.
Slop Jar, $1.50 each.
Olive Dishes, 50c. each.
Spoon Holders, 65c. each.
Bon-Bon Dishes, 50c. to $1.25.
Preserve Dishes, 25c. each.
Bread and Butter Plates, $3.50 and $4.00 per dozen.
Tea Plates, $4.00 and $4.50 per dozen.
Celery Dishes, $1.25 and $1.50 each.
Bread Plates, $1.50 and $2.50 each.

WHITE GROUND WITH MAUVE, PINK AND BLUE PATTERN

Tea Cups, $4.50 per dozen.
Preserve Dishes, $6.00 per dozen.
Tea Plates, $9.00 per dozen.
Chocolate Pots, $2.75.
Bread and Butter Plates, $6.00 per dozen.
Fruit Dishes, $1.00 to $3.75 each.
Spoon Holders, $1.00 each.
Celery Dishes, $1.75 and $2.50 each.
Bread Plates, $1.50 and $2.50 each.

WHITE GROUND, ROSEBUD PATTERN, GILT BORDER

Preserve Dishes, $5.00 per dozen.
Tea Plates, $9.00 per dozen.
Bread and Butter Plates, $7.20 per dozen.
Sugars, $1.00 each.
Creams, $2.50 each.
Fruit Dishes, $1.50 and $2.00 each.

FURS

White Foxaline Furs, 75c., $1.25, $1.75.
Grey Foxaline Furs, $2.00 and $3.00.
Marmot, $2.75, $4.50, $7.50.
Mink, $13.50, $15.00, $20.00.
Alaska Sable, $15.00 and $21.00.
White Thibet, $7.50.

GIFTS FROM THIRD FLOOR

Brass Tea Kettles and Stands, $6.75, $9.50, $11.75, $15.00, $17.50.

Dinner Gongs, $6.50, $6.75, $7.50, $10.00 $12.50.

Fenders and Irons, $18.50, $20.00, $22.50, $45.00, $47.50.

Wrought Iron and Copper Fender and Irons, $8.50, $15.00, $16.75, $18.75.

Fire Dogs, $3.50, $4.50, $6.50, $6.75 and $7.50.

Brass Coal Skuttles, $10.50, $15.00 and $17.50.

Brass Jardinieres, $5.75, $10.00, $4.50.

SUITABLE GIFTS FROM THE MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Brass Music Racks, $8.75.
Men's Bath Robes.
Men's Evening Dress Protectors.
Men's Fancy Knitted Vests.
Men's Scarfs.
Men's Gloves.
Silk Pyjamas.
Silk Underwear.

FURNITURE

We have put into stock during the past week a car of Furniture suitable for Christmas Gifts.

China Cabinets, Small Tables, Settees.

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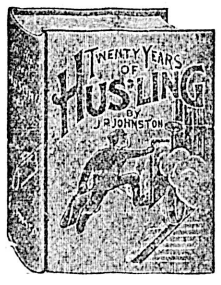

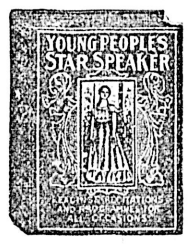

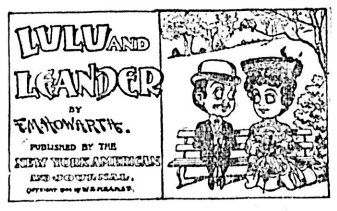

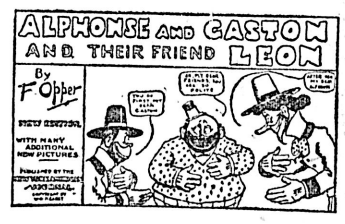

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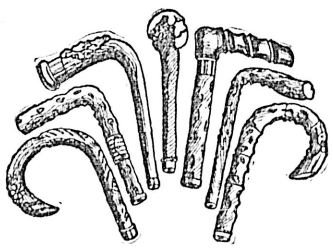

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